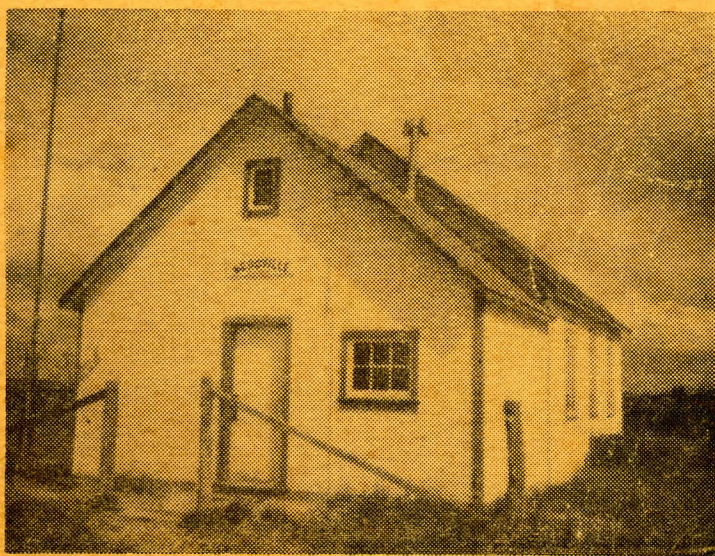


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WOODVILLE



WOODVILLE SCHOOL

BUILT IN 1890





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### PIONEERING IN THE WEST

We're proud of our Pioneers, who ventured way out here,  
With very little belongings, and scarcely any fear,  
Determined to buy a homestead, and obtain their deed,  
Some had to find employment, to earn money for their need.  
Many of them came back, to prepare for their first crop,  
Prairie fires were a threat, if burnt would be a flop.  
They walked all day behind a plow with oxen on the hoof,  
And built log houses out of poles, with a hole in the roof.

And with these faithful Oxen, hauled their grain and wood,  
Leaving bright and early, when weather would be good.  
Some trips before reaching home, they'd be caught in a storm,  
And had to stop at neighbors, rest the oxen and get warm.  
When the blizzard was over, with no fences to guide,  
And no trails to follow, twas a cold bitter ride.  
Wives would be frantic, for sound of sleighs on frosty snow,  
Waiting for their men's return in snappy forty below.

In summer on the prairies, mosquito's were a drudge,  
With a pail, and few green weeds, had to make a smudge.  
They toiled through life to-gether, content and happily wed,  
In log homes consisting only, of a table, stove and bed.  
Then there came a Doctor, called all hours to save lives,  
Many of these pioneers were hosts to him, "called midwives".  
By and by more families came, later driving mules,  
Soon became organized, and then they built their schools.

They held many Garden Parties, a picnic on the ground,  
Spread out their tablecloths and all sat around.  
Pooling their food, many goodies one could name,  
And usually ended up, watching Lippentott ball game.  
Church services on Sunday, never left them in the lurch,  
As homes and schools were used until they built a Church.  
So we owe it to Our Pioneers, they deserve the very best,  
For landscaping the bald prairies, while pioneering in the west.  
—Composed by Fern Longman

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MRS. WM. WOOD



WM. WOOD

### PREFACE

At the annual school meeting of the Woodville School District No. 599 on January 19, 1967, it was decided to do something as a Centennial project—as a tribute to the pioneers who braved their way to the bald prairies to seek homesteads and to a life of freedom and adventure.

These settlers left behind vivid memories of themselves and their works, which we are going to write into a book so they will not be forgotten.

In the late 1882 and early 1883 a few settlers came to this district—now known as Woodville. With their bare hands they built their homes, some from sods and some from logs leaving a hole in the roof to serve as a window. They hewed their bedsteads out of poplar poles and used prairie grass for mattresses. They went around fifty miles with oxen to get these poles.

These pioneers suffered many hardships such as prairie fires, droughts, blizzards, flies and mosquitoes and trouble at times with the Indians. There were not any trails or fences to follow. They lived on the few provisions they had brought with them such as salt pork, dried beans and dried fruits and bannock, along with wild life and berries. In spite of these hardships these people were very happy, sharing each others joys and sorrows. Their only medical knowledge was taken, as needed, from a family medical book, until a Doctor arrived in Elkhorn in 1884.

In the fall many of the men went miles to get work to make extra money to spend on their homesteads in the spring. To own a homestead a pioneer had to stay three years and break ten acres of land each year, and he also had to live at least three months each year on his farm.

In the following pages—if there are any omissions or errors of names or dates, we hope they will be overlooked as this information has been collected to the best of our ability.



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### WOOD

The Woodville district was named after William Wood, who was one of the first homesteaders in this district, along with his sister "Margaret", Mrs. Robert Angus. They were born in Kincardineshire, Scotland. William was born April 19, 1843 and married Helen McGill in 1867. Margaret was born May 22, 1854 and married Robert Angus, October 1, 1881.

Both these families came to Ottawa, Canada in 1870, lived there for three years, then moved to Lyle, Ontario staying there for ten years. They then came to this district in 1883 and William Wood and family settled on the W½ of 12-11-29.

William Wood represented his ward in the Wallace Council for eleven years and was a faithful adherent of the Presbyterian Church. He served on the Woodville School Board for many years. The first meeting held in reference to building a school was held in his home Sept. 20, 1889. He lived on his homestead until he passed away, July 5, 1911. He was a true Scotsman, one of the few who weathered the trials and difficulties of the early years and who lived to see the successful fruit of his work.

Wm. and Mrs. Wood had four sons, James, David William, Hector and Hercules John. James and Hector died in Ontario, David and Hercules came west with their parents. David born in 1872 homesteaded about 1890 on SE 2-11-29. He married Katie Baker. They moved to 12-11-29 for a time, then to Elkhorn where he died in 1906. They had two children, William and Eleita. William married Gladys Heywood. They live at Crossfield, Alta., and have six sons, Gordon, Bruce, John Howard, Edward (deceased) and Robert. Eleita married Charles Smart (a widower with a daughter Jean). They have three children Margaret Theresa, James William (deceased) and Mildred Anne. They live at Crossfield, Alberta.

Hercules John, born March 16, 1882, married Alice Maude Allinson. Hercules served his ward as councillor in Wallace Municipality for 46 years and is still a councillor. He still lives on his father's homestead. Mrs. Wood passed away in 1961. She was an active church worker. Hercules served on the Woodville Church Board and they were generous church givers. He also served on the Woodville School Board for several years. In his farming operation he has given many families work.

They adopted a baby boy Murray Martin who attended Woodville School and later on received a private licence for flying, also an instructor and commercial licences. He married Marguerite Smith. They have five children, Fraser, Lynda, Catheryn, Kelly Rose and Tracey, making four generations having lived on the "Wood" homestead. Fraser and Lynda attended Woodville School until this family left the district to live in Virden, making it the 3rd generation of Wood families attending Woodville School.

### ANGUS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angus homesteaded on 12-11-29. They had a son Robert (born in Ontario). Soon after settling in the district Robert (Sr.) was killed when struck by lightning, just prior to the birth of his daughter Mary Helen. Mrs. Angus stayed on the farm and did her homestead duties until she later married William Paull, who had come from Scotland at the same time as the Wood families and also to the Woodville district.

Robert Angus (Jr.) married Eva Matilda Simpson. They both resided in the district until their death, Eva in 1928 and Robert in 1965. Robert served on the school board for many years. They had two sons, Lyle who still lives on his father's farm 9-11-29, and an infant (deceased and unnamed).

Mary Helen (Nellie) married Frank Snyder. Frank served on the school board for a few years until they moved from the district. They had four children, Edna, Eva, Jean and Frank. Eva and Jean attended Woodville School. After Frank's death, Nellie married Guy Longman. Eva married Edward Foote and they live at Pipestone, Man. They have two children, Daryl who married Anne Rothenburger and lives in Winnipeg, and Glenis who is in Brandon taking a nurses training course. Jean married Milburn Leach. They have three sons, Clarence, Gordon and Arnold. Clarence and Olga have two children, Norman and Sheila, and Gordon and Ann have two children, Carol and Jeanette. These four children are great grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angus.



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Frank married Dorothy Narborough and lives in Vancouver. They have three sons, Malcolm, Wayne and Ashley. Malcolm and Wanda have two children, Randy and Donna; Ashley and Carol have one son David. These three children are also great great grandchildren of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Angus.

### PAULL

William Paull homesteaded 14-11-29. Mr. and Mrs. William Paull had six sons and one daughter, James, John (died in infancy), William David, John Gordon, Archibald, Edward and Christena Smart. They had their sorrows as well as their joys, as their oldest son James was killed by a team of horses running away and they were bereaved of two other sons, Archibald and Edward in their early years.

William Paull was a typical Scotsman who always had a beard. His keen interest in landscaping was outstanding. Many of the evergreens planted over fifty years ago are still standing. He was a great lover of poetry—having written a book of poems so broad in Scotch you could hardly “ken what he was spickin aboot.” An excerpt from one of his poems will be entered later in this book. He served on the school board for many years.

Mrs. Paull beside raising her family, found time to act as one of the “Midwives” of the district. She was an ardent knitter for the Red Cross—and the neighbors. One neighbor once remarked “If you lost a mitt, Mrs. Paull would knit you another while you waited.”

Their home was a stop-over for pioneers and neighbors who passed by on their way to town with their loads of grain or to buy their supplies. Lunch would be served to the men while the horses were fed and rested.

William David Paull who lived seventy years on his Dad’s homestead, was a talented musician, playing in the Woodville band, also for dances, social evenings and concerts. He won many prizes playing in “Fiddlers’ Contests.” He also served on the school board. There were good times had by all at the dances held in the loft of the barn on this farm.

He married Mary Ogilvie. They have one son, William Ian, who is living on his grandfather’s homestead since Bill and Mary moved to Elkhorn. Ian is the third generation of Paulls living on this homestead 14-11-29.

Ian married Georgina Gillis and they have three daughters and one son, Glenda, Shelley, Valerie and Jay William. Glenda and Shelley are now attending Woodville school, making this the third generation of Paulls going to this school. Ian’s family are the fourth generation of Paulls to live on this farm.

John Paull moved on to his brother Jim’s farm after Jim was killed. Like his brother Bill, he was very talented with his violin, having never missed playing for a dance at Woodville school. He has taken many first prizes at Old Time Fiddlers’ contests and played in the Woodville band until it broke up. He also served as a school trustee for several years. John married Hannah Naylen in 1918 and they have two daughters and two sons, Margaret, Kathleen, Billy and Edward.

Margaret married Jim Leonard. They have three daughters and one son, Peggy Ann, Betty Lou, Laura Jean and Harry James.

Kathleen married Allan Thomson. They have two children, Billy and Judy who are at present attending Woodville school. This is another family of Paulls being the third generation in this school.

Kathleen has taught at Woodville school for 11 years and is still teaching there. As she was a pupil here herself for 10 years, she has put 21 years in at this school.

Billie never married and lives with his father.

Edward married Irene Rozak. They have three sons and one daughter, Eddie, Ricky, Terry and Patricia.

The three oldest children are attending Woodville School making another third generation of Paulls here.

Christena was also very musical, playing the piano. She married Edward (Chap) Naylen, who was also musical and played the violin and they played for many dances. They lived in the Kola district and had five daughters and one son, Eileen, Merle, Patricia, Monica, Vonda and Edward.



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Eileen married Edwin Fowler. They live in Vancouver and have five children Maureen, Edward, Erin, Shauna and Sharon Jean.

Merle married Frank Dyck. They live in Edmonton and have four children Patrick, Carol, Robbie and Mark.

Patricia married Norman Hunt, R. C. M. P. (deceased). They had four boys, Gerald, Wayne, Gregory and Scott live in Calgary.

Monica married John Riley. They had two children, Mary Anne (deceased) and Patrick. They live at Dryden, Ont.

Vonda married Frank Steckler. They have two children Kevin and Julie and live at Cardston, Alta.

Edward married Doreen Billard. They have two children, Alanna and Douglas. They farm in the Kola district.

### SYMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symington came to this district in 1883. He was a carpenter by trade. They homesteaded on 24-11-29. On March 17, 1884 he became lost on sec. 13 going home from town as there was no visible trail after a blizzard. He was frozen to death when they found him and was buried on his homestead.

They had seven children, Jack, Tom, Billie, Isaac, Armenice, Lily and Margaret.

Margaret married Hugh Gallagher and they lived for a time on 30-18-28 and later moved to Zion City, U. S. A. They have three girls and two boys, Beatrice, Ethel, Maggy, Willie and Tommy.

Lily is Mrs. Charles McDonald and lives in Winnipeg.

Jack's (Jr) wife died and his family of three Fred, Jessie and Ernie went to live with their grandmother who was now married to "Doc" Livingstone.

Tom married Della Simpson and made their home in Vancouver. Tom, like his father, was a carpenter. He built the second Woodville Church. They had three sons, Floyd, Lee and Thomas and two daughters, Irene and Lillian. Tom is deceased but Della is still living and will be 94 in July.

### LONGMAN

William Frank Longman came from the County of Huron, Ontario to Pilot Mound in 1879, then came and homesteaded in this district in 1882 on 6-11-29. He was a bachelor for two years then married Mae Johnson in 1884 William was the first postmaster of Lippentott Post Office. He bought a section of land for forty dollars at this time. He bought a second homestead for ten dollars.

They had three sons, Guy, Roy and Bert.

William was injured at threshing time in 1893 when a lad jumped from an upper bunk on him, damaging his liver. That same fall the family all moved to Ontario where he died the following spring. Mrs. Longman came back to the homestead in 1894 with the three small boys.

Guy was born in 1886. He married Pearl Snyder, they lived on the father's homestead until they moved over to a farm at Maryfield in 1927. They had a family of five daughters and four sons.

Mae married Elmer Fiddler, living in Hamilton, Ont. They have two children. Fern is single and lives with her father in Maryfield. Joyce married Edgar McAdoo, they have two children. Norris married Geraldine MacKay, they live in Virden and have one son. Margaret married Percy Christmas living in Hamilton and have one son.

Lyle married Mary Thompson, they have two children. Gordon married Ruth Dayman, lives on his father's farm, they have four sons.

Myrtle married Bruce Sprague, living in Moosomin. They have two sons.

Lloyd married Freda Dayman, sister of Gordon's wife, they have two children.

Guy's wife Pearl passed away in 1929. Later he married Nellie Snyder, she passed away in 1937. In 1943 he married Florence McLean who passed away in 1949.

Roy married Margaret Tate, they lived in Maryfield. Roy owned a garage and was John Deere agent until his death. His sons carried on. He also served the district as undertaker for several years. They had two sons Bill and Gavin. Bill married Margaret McDonald. They have one daughter. Gavin married Mavis Williamson, they have five sons and one daughter.

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Bert married Etha Elmore. He operated a dray business in Carlyle, Sask., and later was a machine agent in Fairlight. They built their home in Maryfield and Bert operated a Caterpillar for 15 years prior to his death in 1966. They had two sons and one daughter.

Elmer is married, lives in Rosetown, Sask., and has one son. Harold married Ilene Sample and lives in Regina, they have two children. Betty married Mel Carlson and lives in Toronto, they have four children.

### JOHNSON

Alex (Sandy) Johnson who married Abbey Simpson in Sackville, New Brunswick came to this district in 1883. They had five sons and four daughters. Some of these were born in Sackville. He homesteaded the SE 4-11-29 and gave a portion of his land for the building of the Woodville Church. He served as a Trustee at the opening of Woodville School and for several years after. Sandy was also a blacksmith and owned the blacksmith business in Redvers, until the time of his death. The children are:

Fred moved out west and married. Charlie went west and remained a bachelor. Archie married out west and later died in Calgary. Blake married Lizzie Blackmore. They farmed near Reston and also at Redvers, Sask., prior to living in Maryfield for several years. He then moved south of Maryfield on a farm. Besides farming he did road building work with horses and scrapers. Later they moved to Winnipeg where Blake worked in Real Estate business. They spent a few years in Virden, before moving to White Rock, B. C. where he passed away in 1965. Blake and Lizzie had 14 children. Alex, Lottie, Charlie, Marjorie, Jim, John, Ralph, Marlene, Sylvia and Myrtle. John went west and married. Laura died in early teens. Stanley very young. Two babies died unnamed. Esophine married George Wilson, who farmed S.W. 17-11-29. They moved to B.C. Bessie, Gertie and Myrtle moved from the district and married.

Jim Johnson came west with his brother Sandy. He homesteaded SW 4-11-29. He was married to Libbie Simpson before coming to the district. He was a carpenter and was overseer of the Indian School at Elkhorn. They had six children, George, Dave, Sandy, Mae, Annie and Cora. Mae was Mrs. William Frank Longman. Cora, the youngest, attended Woodville school. She married a Mr. Adams and lived in B.C., where she died.

Dave Johnston homesteaded NE 6-11-29 until Adair Bros. bought it around 1900. He also went to B.C.

### GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenwood came in 1886 and homesteaded NE 14-11-29. Sam was a very industrious man—he made himself a model home of logs and clay and stayed there about ten years. They had two sets of twins, Arthur and Ethel, Walter and George. When the second set of twins were born Wm. Paull (Sr.) said "Aye! that's worse than frozen wheat." Sam served as a trustee for several years from the opening of Woodville school.

Bill Greenwood homesteaded NW 14-11-29 and never married.

### BISSETT

Jack Bissett homesteaded about 1884 but did not stay long enough to get a title to it. He dug a barn underground in a hill.

### BARR

William Barr born in 1864 at Clinton, Ont., came west to homestead on SE ¼ 10-11-29 in 1885. In 1888 he married Margaret Hunter who came from Orangeville, Ont.

Bill Barr served the community in many ways. He was secretary of the Woodville Church, School Trustee and auditor for many years, also a municipal councillor. He acted as undertaker on many occasions before such services were professionally supplied. Being a good "stockman" he did veterinarian work too.

Mr. and Mrs. Barr had four children, David, Marion, William and Lily.

David born 1890 enlisted in 1916 and served overseas. On his return commenced farming in the Woodville district. He served as a trustee and was secretary for many years.



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He married Irene Parr who taught at Woodville School. They had four children Margaret, Elsie, Francis and Gordon. They moved to Duncan, B. C. in 1943.

Margaret and Elsie attended Woodville School, even for their high schooling which was by Correspondence Courses. Margaret served four years with the C. W. A. C. then attended the University of B. C., obtaining her B. A. and M. A. degrees, later to the University of Michigan where she taught and studied earning her Ph.D. She married Howard Bigelow and they are both professors at the University of Mass.

Elsie went to the University of Manitoba and studied medicine. She received her M. D. and Bachelor of Science in Medicine degrees. She opened a practice at McCreary, Man., later moving to Sioux Lookout, Ont. She married Ellis Culliton and have two children Geoffrey and Margaret. She is now practising medicine at Parry Sound, Ont., in a six doctor clinic.

Francis who emerged as a secretary received her schooling at Woodville and Duncan, B. C. She married Alvon Smythe. They have two sons Kim and Jeffrey.

Gordon also received his schooling at Woodville and Duncan. He served in the R. C. A. F. for four years and spent 2½ years in the Arctic. He married Barbara Armstrong. They have three children Rickv David, Douglas and Trudi.

Marion born 1893 attended the Man. Agricultural College. She married Joseph Chaster (deceased) and went to Duncan, B. C. They had eight children. Barry (now an architect); Raymond (deceased in 1965); Joyce, married and lives at Trail, B. C. and Ruth living in Duncan. All served in the R. C. A. F. Gerald obtained his B.A. and M.A. in Agriculture in California, Geoffrey, married living at Duncan, Alma, married living in Penticton and Richard who lives at Duncan.

Barry and Rae during their R. C. A. F. training visited the family and community of Woodville.

William (Jr.) served with the 43rd Bat. Cameron Highlanders overseas, was wounded, returned home and went to Ironwood, Mich., where he worked with his uncle Henry Barr. He contacted spinal meningitis and died in 1928.

Lily married Cecil Sleightholm (deceased). There was one daughter Margery, who attended Woodville school. She married Gordon Wilkins of Victoria and they have four children. Lily later married Robert Miller (deceased). They had two daughters June and Anne.

### ROBERTSON

Jim Robertson came from Scotland to this district around 1883. He was considered one of the best ploughmen in this country, with a walking plow. Jim and his wife homesteaded NE 16-11-29 and they had three children, George, James and Annie.

### BOWEN

Mrs. Bowen was an early settler. She homesteaded SE 20-11-29 and lived on NW 19-11-29.

### McLEOD

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McLeod came to this district in 1893 from the Kola district. They had five sons, Milton, John, James, Murdock and Charles. Milton and Murdock went west to run a butcher shop, James went through as a preacher, but the destiny of John and Charles is unknown.

### WILSON

Bob Wilson came in the 1880s, date unknown. He lived on SW 14-11-29 and married a sister of Bob Rutherford. This man had a vivid imagination. He had been a soldier himself and he told about sending these Ghurkas—at the time of the Afghan War in India—to bring in the wounded and kill all that weren't dead. He named the Paull farm Glenleavit and his own farm Glentakit.

### WILLIAMS

A Mr. Williams homesteaded on NE 6-11-29, a relative of Wm. Longman (Sr.). Nothing further known of him.

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### SIMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. David Simpson came from Sackville, N. B. in 1883 and settled across the road from this district. He was postmaster at Lippentott from March 1895 until it closed June 9, 1917. David married Mary Johnson. This makes a record in this book. Three of this Johnson family married three of this Simpson family.

David and Mary had three sons and six daughters. Bedford (who died in infancy in N.B.) Frank, Fred, Revia, Della, Nellie, Bessie, Cassie and Eva. The oldest ones attended Woodville school.

### McPHEE

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McPhee came to this district in 1889. They had six sons and three daughters, Mary, Margaret, Ruth, Bill, Dan, Andy, Jack, Bob and Jim. They all attended Woodville school. Mrs. McPhee died when twins were born and also one of the twins died.

Mr. and Mrs. McPhee came to Winnipeg from Scotland in 1886 and moved to Woodville in 1889.

Three of their family are still living: Ruth, Mrs. Berger of Glenavon, Sask.; Robert of Winnipeg and Jim of Transcona.

This McPhee family were great athletes, racers, football and baseball players. Don got a leg broken while playing football and later died from the effect of this injury.

Andy was a very good violin player.

### LIVINGSTON

Doc Livingston came in the district in 1888. He married Mrs. Symington, a widow with a family. They had one son John born to this marriage. Doc first lived on NE 10-11-29 then later moved to SW of 14-11-29. John went to Woodville school in 1894. Doc was always in sympathy with the Boe'rs.

John married Vera Marshall and had two children Leah and Claire. Claire never married and lives with his mother at Fleming. Leah married and moved away.

### REID

Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Reid lived outside of the Woodville district. He was a contractor and built the Kola Church which took him longer than he contracted for. He also had the contract for the Woodville school which was delayed also.

They had three children, Maude, Jennie and Jack. Maude and Jennie attended Woodville, starting on the opening day. They did not attend very long as the family moved from the district.

### OTHER HOMESTEADERS

The following are a list of names of homesteaders who settled in this district, but sorry we were unable to trace any information of these people.

Arthur Legg homesteaded the SE 24-11-29, later taken over by Ben Axelson. Many other folks have lived here, but it is still referred to as the Axelson farm.

Mr. Ben Mercer homesteaded on N.E. 18-11-29 in the early days for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck lived for a short period on NW 18-11-29 around 1890. He was a veterinarian. Later they moved out west.

Mr. Long lived on NW 18-11-29. He homesteaded this land.

Jack Lowe homesteaded on W½ of 20-11-29.

Jim Lowe homesteaded on NE 20-11-29.

Mr. Coombs homesteaded on NE 21-11-9. Later taken over by George Gosling. We do not have any more on Gosling.

G. Thaar homesteaded SW 22-11-29.

George Skipton homesteaded on S½ of 22-11-29.

Bill Hamilton homesteaded SW of 24-11-29 around 1896. He hauled his wheat with oxen to Elkhorn.



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Bill Adair lived on SE of 19-11-29. at one time, and later moved to Saskatchewan where he bought a farm. Andy Howlette bought the SE of 19-11-29, after Bill Adair moved away, and this is known today as Howlette farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob English lived on SE of 18-11-29, and worked for Mr. Fred Lipsey. Bob was an Irishman. They had three children, Jack, Jennie and Lily. They all attended at the opening day of Woodville school.

Jonas Marlin homesteaded in 1887 but failed to get his title on SE of 2-11-29.

H. Smart homesteaded on SW of 2-11-29. He also failed to get his title.

John Charles, Lambert Brereton homesteaded the same farm as Marlin and Smart failed their title.

### SAWYER

Gilson Sawyer came in 1890. He homesteaded on the NE of 2-11-29. He never married while here. He sold this land to William Wood.

Bethel Sawyer married Hattie Lemon.

### ORMOND JONES

Ormond Jones homesteaded on NW of 2-11-29. He had a hotel in Elkhorn, then built a small house on the land, and drove out each night and stayed until morning, in order to put in his residence duties. But he let up on his trips after a year or so. The house which was right beside the trail to the Lippentott district began to lose a board or two at a time until the house was all gone. Jones said "The Fish Eaters" (people from New Brunswick) were stealing his house.

### AXELSON

Mr. Ben Axelsson came in about 1898 and settled SE 24-11-29. He married Lizzie Dahl. He was an excellent neighbor and a very good violinist. Mr. R. Coulson and Ben played for "assemblies" and country dances. They had three sons and two daughters, Mildred, Doris, Edward, Bernard, and Freddie. Doris married Hugh McLeod, they live in Winnipeg. Mildred married Rod McFayden. She also lives in Winnipeg. Bernard was working in the International Harvester a few years ago in Edmonton, Alta., now retired and lives in London, Ont. Eddie lives in Inglewood, Calif., and Freddie in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Axelsson moved in to Elkhorn and took over the International Harvester.

### COULSON

R. Coulson moved to S 22-11-29 in around the late 1890s from his homestead, the NE 30-11-29. Dick married Eva Grant and they have a son and two daughters Macordic (Mac), Laura and Betty.

Dick was a talented musician, he played the violin. He and Ben Axelsson played for "Assemblies" and country dances. He also played in the Woodville Band and had an excellent bass voice.

He served as a trustee and auditor on the school board for many years and lived to the good old age of 92 years and 1 day.

Mr. and Mrs. Coulson gave generously toward the Woodville Church.

Mac lives with his mother in Elkhorn. Laura married Kenneth Booth. They have a store in Summerland, B. C. Laura is a beautiful singer and sings at many of the weddings out there. Laura and Ken have two children, Lynn and Gordon. Lynn is a music teacher and a junior choir leader. Betty married Johnnie Atchison, they have an adopted son Dickie.

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### ADAIR

Adair Bros., John and Thomas came west from Tamworth, Ont., in 1886. They homesteaded near Fairlight, Sask., and worked about three years south of Brandon to raise money for equipment. They bought NW 6-11-29 about 1900. They were old time threshers and also drilled wells.

Tom drove from Brandon with a team of oxen and a buckboard. He was captain of the Lippentott Rifle Club and served on the Woodville School Board for several years. Played the violin for dances in the early days and also played on Lippentott ball team and hockey team.

He married Bessie Simpson in 1904. They had two sons and three daughters, Clara, Eva, Lizzie and David. Two others died in infancy (unnamed).

Bessie passed away in 1914 and Thos. remarried to Margaret McNeil, Dec. 1915, she died 1939.

Clara married John McGregor (deceased). She remarried V. Welli and lives near Aylmer, Ont.

Jack married Bernice Strange and lives in Maryfield, Sask.

Eva married Clarence Rowand and lives in the Kola district.

Dave married Edna Ramage and lived on the home farm until his death in 1960. They had two daughters Sharon and Heather and one died in infancy.

Thos died in Oshawa in 1947 and is buried at Woodville.

John never married and lived on the farm with Dave until his death in 1948. His was the first appendicitis operation performed in Moosomin Hospital, where he was a patient for two months because of blood poisoning setting in.

These brothers also farmed W 23-11-29 about 1924. Alfred Ellis (Brownie) worked for them for several years while they batched.

### LUND

Blair and Gill Lund came in 1882 from Sackville, N. B. They batched a few years, then Blair went back east and returned with the girl of his dreams as his wife. They settled just on the fringed of the Woodville district and raised a large family of five sons and four daughters. A daughter Jenny died at the tender age of 3 years.

Oliver who never married, stayed on the family farm until he passed away in 1949.

Aubrey married Evelyn Boomhower, they now reside on the family farm.

Seward, an outstanding hockey player married Lillian Cole. They live in B.C.

Earl married Polly Cole and lives in Elkhorn. He also farms. He was a fine hockey player.

Orval, an outstanding hockey player, married is living in Yellow Grass, Sask.

Rhoda married Wm. Kay. She died in 1940.

Lillian married George Burge. She was killed in a car accident near Yellow Grass.

Beatrice married Earl Snyder. She is now living in Elkhorn.

Ethel married Don Black. They live in Moosomin.

Mrs. Lund was a wonderful pioneer. She ushered in many new babies and lent a helping hand when sickness struck. In one instance she took over a patient, three weeks old (Lyle Longman) when Dr. had given up hope. She worked many long hours and finally was rewarded. The baby took a turn for the best and is living today.

### HUME

John Hume came here in 1890. He lived on NW 10-11-29 and was a carpenter by trade. He went out carpentering while his boys did the farming. Fell from the scaffold and lost his leg from the injury.

This family had three sons and four daughters. One daughter died at an early age. Two daughters Gladys and Hattie taught school at Woodville.

They were not too long in this community.



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### YOE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoe homesteaded on SW 10-11-29. This family had three sons, Bill, Frank and Donald and one daughter Margaret. They did not stay long in the district, but were very friendly people.

### HARTLEY

Sam Hartley and son Chris moved into the district early in the 1900s. They batched until Sam married Miss Houghton. They had two daughters May and Cora. They moved to B. C. about 1917. May is now Mrs. Wm. McKay and lives in Toronto.

### MILLS

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mills came from England to this district and worked for H. J. Wood in the early 1900s. They had one son and two daughters, Walter who went overseas and served in the army, after he returned he was killed by a rifle accident. Eleanor married Joe Sipley, they have five children, Harold, Lorne, Aileen (Mrs. Lynn Farrough), Lindsay and Allan.

Ivy married Randolph Smithson, they live at Rimby, Alberta and have six children.

Mrs. Mills brought many a baby into this world with her midwifery. They moved to north of Elkhorn from this district and later into Elkhorn where they both passed away.

### ATKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Atkins lived on SW 16-11-29 in 1903. They stayed about a year, then moved later to Maryfield. He was a carpenter. Mrs. Atkins assisted the Doctors before there was a hospital there. She was a wonderful nurse working day and night. She was also a faithful Homemaker and was a honorary member of the Club. Mr. and Mrs. Atkins had three children, Gladys married Geordie McIndoe; Claude and Clinton are both married living in the east.

### POSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Poston came in 1903 and settled on 19-11-29. They came from the U. S. A. They have two sons and three daughters.

Lorne married Annie Goethe. They lived at Tacoma, Wash., where Lorne died.

Ben married Jenny Cousins. They had three of a family, Ralph, Claude and Ruth. Ben was very musical, playing several instruments. Ben and Jenny reside in Elkhorn.

Ruby married Ed Baker and live at Swan River. They have one son Lyal.

Maude married Dave Johnnesen, a baker. She died later in Rivers. They had one daughter Arlie.

Mary married a Mr. Towle. She was a Chiropractor and died in the U. S. A.

Wesley was killed when he fell off the back of a drag in 1923.

### GOETHE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goethe came here in 1905 from Iowa, U. S. A. but originally came from Germany. They settled on NW 18-11-29. Frank was a consin of the great German Philosopher and Poet Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe, and a direct heir to his fortune. They had eight children, only four of these came out to Canada, Bill, Fred, Annie and Emma.

Bill married Laura Coulson. They had one son Lyle. Laura and infant son Lyle met with a tragic accident, also another young girl Ruth Adair (in her late teens) who was along in the buggy with them. They were all three drowned while crossing the Pipestone Creek in the spring when caught in a whirlpool.

Bill then went to U. S. A. and re-married bringing Eleanor back to Woodville. They were only married a short time when she passed away.

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Later Bill married Helen Vass. They live on Bill's fathers farm NW 18-11-29. They have twins, Donna and Ronald. Donna is a secretary in Winnipeg and Ronald is farming with his father.

Bill is an outstanding musician, playing almost any instrument. He made the first violin that he played. He played for many dances and in the band. Bill and Helen were faithful church workers.

Fred married Jessie Baker. They lived in Elkhorn where he owned the blacksmith shop for years. He passed away in a nursing home a few years ago. Fred and Jessie had four daughters, Catherine, Margaret, Dorothy and Clarabelle. These girls were very good singers, often singing as a quarette.

Annie married Lorne Poston.

Emma married George Boomhower. She lives in Elkhorn and is 84 years on age. They had three boys and three girls, Earl, Jack, Floyd, Evelyn, Laura and Bernice.

Earl is farming west of Elkhorn, but lives with his mother. Floyd married Patricia Wildblood from England.

Evelyn married Aub Lund. Laura married Willis Clark and lives at Victoria. Bernice married Larry While and also lives at Victoria. Jack was in the Navy and brought a bride from England and they also live in Victoria.

### GOETHE

Wm. Goethe (Sr.) came from U. S. A. with his brother Frank in 1905. He was a stone mason by trade. He was very fond of music and formed a band of his own in U.S.A. and was bandmaster of both. He never married and lived to be 97 years of age.

### JOHNSTON

Mr. William Johnston came from Fochesters, Morayshire, Scotland in the spring of 1906. Mrs. Johnston and their son Charles came out in June 1906. They lived south of Elkhorn and worked for Mr. James Hutchison (Sr.) until the spring 1907 when they moved to Woodville and stayed for 10 years. Being of True Scotch blood they were great friends of the "Paulls".

Charles attended Woodville school, lived only a short distance from it. He married Grace Taylor. They had five children, Florence, Mrs. Wilfred Erickson, Ft. William; Jean, Mrs. Stan Janakowski, Sudbury; Bill, Val Caron, Ont.; Rosemary, Mrs. Tony Waslyshen, Smith Falls; and Margaret, Mrs. Glen Redden, of Sudbury.

### MUNDELL

Mr. and Mrs. James Mundell worked for H. J. Wood in 1906. Their daughter Marion went to Woodville school. She was very good at reciting "Scotch Poetry". Later she married Frank Brennand and in their later years lived in Elkhorn. They had seven children, Mary, Mrs. Danny Stonehouse; Francis, Mrs. Frank Stonehouse; Shirley, Mrs. Jim McColl; Myrtle, living in Brandon; Alex and Morris at Elkhorn (both married) and Gordon is a Squadron Leader in the R. C. A. F. stationed in Toronto.

### MUNRO

Mr. and Mrs. Munro came to the district in 1907. They settled on 2-11-29. Mrs. Munro was known to everyone as Auntie Munro. She was a sister to Wm. Paull (Sr.). They had three sons and two daughters. Bob is married and lives in Neepawa, Man. Edna died in Manilla in her early 20s. Bessie now lives in B.C. Ian was killed at Vimy Ridge. Alex is now living at Birtle, Man. The Munro's didn't stay too many years in this district.

### GARRET

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garret came to Woodville district in 1907. They had a family of two girls and three boys, Fanella, Clara, Bill, Harry and Sam. Peter lived on Sec. 4-11-29. They were of Quaker religion. Sam worked for Guy Longman in 1911. Later Peter and family moved out to B. C. around 1913 or 14.



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### McCLURE

Mr. and Mrs. David McClure farmed just outside of Woodville district on sec. 18-11-23. This farm was formerly owned by Collin Rex about 1911. They had a family of seven children, Herb, Allan, Edgar, Grace, Nellie, Rolla and Elva.

Rolla married William Lund and they farmed the McClure farm. Rolla and Bill had five sons, Norman, Ken, Maurice, Roy and Jack. Ken married Marion Towler. They have three sons and one daughter and Ken is farming the farm of his father. His father and mother have moved to Virden, Man.

Rolla, Allan, Edgar and Elva attended Woodville school.

### WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams moved into Woodville district in 1915 on section 2, the Wood farm. They came from South Wales. Mr. Williams brought a valuable sheep dog with him, and was a sheep herder. They had a family of two daughters, Ethel and Minnie. Ethel married Arthur Collins, and also farmed on sec. 2. Minnie was a nurse and later married George Ward. Now living in B. C. Minnie had a beautiful singing voice. She sang many solos in Church and entertainments while here. She also belonged to the Woodville Ladies' oranziazions.

### COLLINS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Collins lived in the yard of H. J. Wood where Mr. Collins worked. They had three girls and two boys, Ethel (Mrs. Roy Fraser); Hazel (Mrs. John Plum-, Ivy. Arthur married Ethel Williams. They lived on 2-11-29 for a number of years. They have one son Wayne. They were very industrious farmers, the beauty of their yard was outstanding. They were very faithful church workers. Ernie married Mary Cousins. They had three children, Jack, Olive and Margaret Rose.

### COUSINS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cousins and family moved here together. They resided on the Axelson farm in the early 20s. They had a family of three, two daughters and one son, Jack, Laura and Mary. Later Jack went to Elkhorn. He married Annie Granger. Jack became town constable and policed the town for a number of years.

### DOWSON

Mr. George Dowson came to the district in 1917. He was a bachelor. Mrs. Brown kept house for George, and she had two sons when she came. They were Tom and Frank. They boys attended Woodville school. Later on about 1923 they moved away to the Noble farm at Kirkella. Tom is now deceased. He married Gertie McMaster. who lives in Brandon. Frank married Lily McMaster, living also in Brandon.

### CUCUY

Mr. and Mrs. Cucuy lived on Sec. 3-11-29, on the Aikens farm. They were a Jewish family. They only stayed a year or so. They came in 1917. There were two daughters Leah and Gertrude and one son Noah.

### McMASTER

Mr. and Mrs. George McMaster came from Roblin, Man., to Woodville district in 1918. They had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters. They were hard working folks, like many others. Mrs. McMaster was a motherly woman. Family were Frances who lives in Auburn, Ind., U. S. A. and comes home to the district to visit almost every year. Gertie married Tom Brown, she is now a widow living in Brandon. Lillian married Frank Brown, brother of Tom, also living in Brandon. Royal lives at Swan River, Henry lives at Black Hawk Island, Wisc., Art lives at Sacramento, Calif., and Clint lives at Chicago Ill.

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### BISSETT

Dan Bissett came west driving a horse and buckboard looking for land but didn't stay to homestead. Later he drove from farm to farm picking up butter, eggs and other farm products, taking these to town and bringing groceries back as listed by these farmer's wives. Later the wives discovered he was bringing whiskey and other liquor to the men so they put an end to that business.

### BURTON

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burton lived in the Woodville district in 1915 on sec. 24-11-29. They had three daughters and one son. Mrs. L. Johnson and Mrs. John Duxbury are now living in Elkhorn. Mrs. Irene Franklin is deceased. Harry Burton lives in Brock, Sask. Mrs. Duxbury was a wonderful organist and played the organ in the Elkhorn church for many years and along with her two sisters was a wonderful church worker.

### GILL

Mr. John Gill must not be forgotten. He lived just on the border of the Woodville district. He was a bachelor and a very witty one. He also was a chartered accountant. While visiting at a neighbors, the conversation drifted to drinking. Another guest Len Cockerill (a temperance man) stated that if there was no liquor people would be healthier and live longer. W. Lipsey produced a paper stating that a moderate drinker lived longer than a total abstainer. Len remarked that must be right because John Gill is a real healthy old gentleman and has drank all his life and has no notion of dying. John quickly replied "or quit drinking either."

### JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson came to the Woodville District in 1920. They lived on sec. 3--11-29. They had a family of four daughters.

Dorothy married Harry Hanover and they had three sons and two daughters. She is now a widow. Mina never married. She was never too healthy and passed away in her late teens. Myrtle married Charlie Leverington, they had two sons and two daughters. Myrtle's husband died and she is now living in Brandon. Marion married Stewart Ritchie having a family of two daughters. Marion's are operating a general store in Alexander. Myrtle and Marion attended Woodville school.

Bill Johnson in later years worked out and after moving to Maryfield he was town constable for several years. He was a war veteran and spent his last years in the Citriatric Home in Regina.

### SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott came to Woodville district in 1923 from Cumberland, a coal mining district on the border of England and Scotland. They had some family when they arrived here. Mrs. Scott surely had a busy time, as they had a family of twelve children. There were nine sons and three daughters, Allan, George, Arthur, Bob, John, Fred, Bill, Jim and Joe. Girls were Jessie, Lena and Mabel. They all attended Woodville school except the two younger ones. They moved from this district to Elkhorn, then later moved to B. C. Mrs. Scott passed away over in Scotland while on a trip visiting her folks.

### ROWAND

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Rowand, pioneers of Lippentott district had two sons and one daughter, Harvey (deceased at five years), Clarence and Ada. Due to Oliver's tragic death Clarence had to take over the farm at a very early age. Clarence married Hazel Lund and they had two children, Margaret and Henry. Hazel passed away and Clarence later married Eva Adair and they had two children, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Herman Roach) and Jimmie. Margaret married Alfred Twigg and has three sons and three daughters. Henry married Irene Wadham, they have one son and two daughters. Ada lived with Clarence after Hazel died to keep house.



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### OVERAND

Grant Overand came to the district in 1953. He was employed by Hercules Wood. It was here Grant met Annie Birchall, now his wife. They were married in Woodville Church. Grant has two sons Wesley and Keith. This family still reside in the Wood household. Annie had worked for Mr. and Mrs. Wood for many years prior to her marriage.

### BIRCHALL

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Birchall also came to Woodville district and worked for Hercules Wood. They had a family of six children, four daughters and two sons.

Louis is married and lives in Prince Rupert, B. C.

Annie married Grant Overand, they have two children, Wesley and Keith.

Mary married John McLeod who drowned in the Lake of the Woods. They had a daughter Joy.. Later Mary married Mrs. Rev Dixon's brother Cliff McKinnon. They adopted a son Michael.

Betty married George LeBlanc. They have three sons and one daughter.

Effie married Fred Shomaker, who now resides in Brandon. They had a family of seven, one is deceased.

Louis married Ina Orabka. They now reside at Prince Rupert B. C.

Doug lives in Vancouver.

### GEORGE

Frank and Albert George, brothers, arrived here together. They worked out on farms, helping Taylors and some of the other farmers in this district. Later Albert and Frank rented the Dave Barr farm NW of 10-11-29. After farming there a few years, they moved over near Elkhorn. Albert never married and Frank married Ruth Ogilvie. They have four children.

### SZORADI

Mr. Jim Szoradi came from Hungary to 3-11-29 in May 1925. In 1926 Mrs. Szoradi and son Jim came out to join him. Mrs. Szoradi did not enjoy Canadian life too long as she passed away in 1927.

In the fall of 1931 a Mrs. Horvat and son Michael came from Budapest, Hungary, knowing when she came she was going to be Mrs. Jim Szoradi. Michael accepting the Szoradi name. Mr. and Mrs. Szoradi then had two daughters, Annie and Kathleen. Annie married Pete Holmsen and they have four children. Kathleen is not married. Jim married Carol Runions. They have one daughter. Mike married Verna Koeckeritz of Ebor. They have three children, Mickey, who married Stan Bernard; Allan who married Bernie Hainsworth and Carol who married Allan Smith.

### KLIEVER

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Kliever came to the Barr Farm in 1927-1928. They had four sons. George, Frank, Jake and Dave and two daughters, Annie and Elsie. George, Frank and Annie attended Woodville school. Frank married Annie Bickerton. They have four children, Eileen (Mrs. Bill Chapple), Dennis, Ken and Rodney. Annie married Cecil Perlette; Jake married Mary Codd and have four children; Dave married Esther Leowen and they have three children; Elsie married Glen McColl and they have three sons.

Two families (brothers of H. D. Kliever) came at the same time to the Barr farm, but moved west soon after.

### WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Williams lived on the Dowson farm 23-11-29 for a short time about 1925.

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### MALCOLM MILLER

Malcolm Miller came in 1929 to 19-11-29. He farmed a few years. He was a married man. They had four sons and one daughter. Later years he batched. This man had the loudest sneeze you ever heard. One farm lady heard him sneeze one and a half miles away. He also had a very unique experience. He kept his money in a safe in his house. Fred Perrson also had a thousand dollars in the same safe. When the harvesters came from the East, they threshed at Millers, and one of them took notice of the safe. When he went East he landed in jail, but he told two of his cellmates about this place, and directed them to it. They came to Elkhorn on Fair Day, Mr. Miller was away to the Fair. This pair of jail birds went to his home and blew the safe, but as luck would have it, the money was removed a few days before. They had a gun and sure intended to use it if they had to. They had also picked up a club, and a rope. Ken Rowan and his brother Merlin, escorted them to Elkhorn, and police picked them up in Regina and sent back East to do another stretch.

### FAMILIES WHO LIVED ON SECTION 6-11-29

These families listed all lived on Sec. 6-11-29.

Floyd and Freda Longman and Gordon and Ruth Longman lived together, and farmed here until their families started to arrive, when they had to have a house for each family. Lloyd's moved to Maryfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown lived here after Guy Longman moved to Maryfield in 1928, as his hired help. They had two sons and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kendrick lived here as Guy's hired help. They had one son and one daughter. He was a good comedien on the platform.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McAdoo also lived here a short while. They now live in B.C. retired. They had a family of thirteen. Tom worked in the mines in Flin Flon until he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McAdoo farmed here for three or four years. They have one son and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reddikop bought this farm from Guy, and have lived here a number of years. They have three sons and two daughters.

### WALKER

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker lived on his father's farm 24-11-29. There are two sons and two daughters, the daughters are twins, Ralph, Ronnie, June and Joan. The boys attended Woodville school and family later moved from district.

### FREDERICK

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick lived on NE 2-11-29. There are two daughters, Ruby and Louise and one son Albert, all attended Woodville school. They later moved to Elkhorn where Mrs. Frederick is a hairdresser and Ed drives a school bus.

### McLURE

Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLure lived on 23-11-29. They have two daughters and one son. David and Loretta went to school at Woodville a short time. Joy was born later.

### ROWAN

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Rowan lived on NE 17-11-29. They have four daughters, Marlene, Patsy, Sherrie and Colleen. The three older girls attended Woodville. Deloris Dean lived with this family (her aunt) and attended school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Rowan live on NW 19-11-29. They have five girls, Donna, Linda, Sandra, Betty and Beverly, all attended school at Woodville.



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### OTHER RESIDENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Shepherd live on NE 23-11-29. Mrs. Shepherd's (formerly Mrs. McFarlane) son Donald and daughter Grace, attended school here.

Vivian Moshinka attended school for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Gustafson lived in Saskatchewan. They have two daughters, Engrid and Illa Mae, both attended school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Boxem, hired help of H. Wood, had a daughter Linda who attended school at Woodville.

Mr. and Mrs. Runion lived on NE 2-11-29. They had six sons, Raymond, George, Jim, Ronald, Stanley and Dennis, two daughters, Carol and Ella Mae. Seven of these children attended school. This family worked for H. Wood for a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowan lived on SE 10-11-29. They have three sons, Billy, Lyle and Darwin and one daughter, Dorothy, all attended Woodville. This family now lives in Elkhorn. Lyle married Bernice Hey and lives on the home farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Shepherd lived in Mosgeil district, but children Dale and Dwight attended Woodville school. Noreen, only daughter. They now attend Elkhorn school.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson (Indian full blood) worked for H. Wood. Mrs. Johnson formerly attended Elkhorn Indian Residential school for a number of years. They have two sons, Johnny and Kelly, and four daughters Carolyn, Marion, Yvonne and Diana. All attended Woodville school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ironman (also Indian) worked for H. Wood. They have two sons, James and Roland and one daughter Colleen. All attended school. Have now left the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Tanchion (also Indian) worked for H. Wood. They had one son Bimbo and one daughter Shirley, who attended school. They moved from the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell (Indian family) worked for H. Wood. Their three children, Louise, Della and Keitha went to school here. Also moved after living here a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Bone worked for H. J. Wood. This family were of Indian blood. Their children, Margaret, Olga and Robert attended Woodville school.

Mr. and Mrs. Lippett lived at T. Woods, also working for him. They had one son Cecil, attend school for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Collins lived in the yard of H. Wood as hired help. They had two children attend school, Jack and Olive. They lived a number of years in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McPhee lived on SW 23-11-29 for a couple of years. Their son Melbourne attended school. They also had a daughter Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Milne lived on 2-11-29 as H. Wood's hired hands. They have a family of four boys and one daughter, Hughie, Glen, Brian, Grant and Fern. Hughie and Glen attended Woodville school. The family moved to Winnipeg several years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stinson lived in Wood's yard as hired help. They had three children attend Woodville, Ross, Melvin and Eileen. Stayed a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cook lived on 3-11-29 for several years. Their daughter Marie attended school at Woodville. They lost their home by fire and moved to the Kola district. Three Muldrew children Jessie, George and Eileen lived with them and attended school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Canart live on NW 16-11-29. They have two children, Robert and Vivian who attended school at Woodville. Bob married and is now in Edmonton in the R.C.M.P. Vivian married George Byrd and lives in Calgary. John Canart has now sold his farm.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grant lived on 2-11-29 and worked for H. Wood a short time. They have two daughters who attended Woodville, Gwen and Mavis. Another daughter is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Shepherd a Scottish couple, lived on the Axelson farm 24-11-29 for many years. These people had a large family of eleven, nine sons and two daughters, Clifford, Malcolm, Stuart, Garnet, Harvey, Russell, Morgan, Douglas, Angus Myrtle and Jessie. Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd were fine people and hard workers. Mr. Shepherd still rode the binder when he was around 80 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ehrlic came to Woodville sec. 3-11-29 district from Saskatchewan about the year 1931. They have four boys, Orvin, Willis, Leonard and Wilbur. The three older boys were in the army. This family moved to Elkhorn until Mr. Ehrlic passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barrett came to the district the same time as Ehrlics'. Lived on 4-11-29 for a short time.

Billy Lipsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lipsey, attended Woodville school for a while. He died in a shooting accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooze lived on the Wm. Barr farm. Four children attended school, Waldomere, Jacob, Herman and Annie. Annie Dick lived with this family and attended Woodville school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jardon lived on 3 or 4-11-29. They had three children attend Woodville school, Bill, Jim and Bessie. Bessie married a Mr. Fogas, went to school after she married for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson lived on 4-11-29. They had three daughters Gladys, Hazel and Mildred. All went to Woodville.

Lionel Pugh was the son of Mrs. Pugh (who kept house for Joe Sharrett).

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamb lived on SW 20-11-29. They have one son and three daughters, Bruce, Wilma, Winnojean and Elouise. They stayed about two years then moved to B. C.

The Bell family lived on Aikens' farm south of the school. Eleanor and William drove a mule to school. Billy was a victim of infantile paralysis. They stayed only about a year.

Dorothy and Olga Burrridge were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Burrridge who farmed one of the Aikens places for a short time.

Mabel Drummond was the grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Rbt. Wilson, who moved to the Walker farm about 1920 on NW 24-11-29. Mr. Wilson died shortly after coming here. They had two sons Bill and Bob. They lived with their mother and farmed. Bill was formerly a conductor on the C. N. R. They didn't live too long in this district.

Bill Wilkes lived with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. Although they lived out of the district Bill attended school here. He was a successful farmer, carrying on after John Smith passed away.

Edith Hayne's father worked for Frank Snyder when he lived on the Onion place (Alf Twiggs).

Gladys Teal was a niece of Doc Livingstone and went to school here.

Edna Knowlton was a niece of Mrs. Wm. Barr, lived with them and went to school.

Hilda and Myrtle Banitt lived with their parents on Aikens farm south of Woodville school where the girls attended.

Eva and Jean Snyder, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder stayed with their grandmother Paull and went to school from there. Jean cried all the first day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Northcote lived on 3-1-29 for three years or so. Muriel and Gerald were their children. Mrs. Northcote was organist in Woodville Church for three years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Livingstone lived on S.W. 14-11-29. They had one daughter and one son, Leah and Jack.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters lived on SW 19-11-29. Their family George and Jacob went to school here. They didn't stay too long.



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Mr. and Mrs. Povey lived on SW 23-11-29. They had three children Jean, Helen and Marion who attended school while here. They moved to Elkhorn to work as farm instructor at the Indian Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidts lived on an Aikens farm 3 or 4-11-29. Mary attended school about one term.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutchison worked for H. Wood. They had two daughters Winowna and Verlie and one son Dick. Winowna attended school while living in the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Kehlar worked for H. Wood. Two sons John and Isaac attended school from there.

Bernice Driedger lived with her mother and step-father at Wood's.

Michael Bernoith lived in the district. Unable to find any particulars about him or his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gardner lived in the Woodville district for a short time.

Alice Lipsey attended Woodville school in the early 1900s. She came with the English children. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lipsey were pioneers in the Mosgeil district.

Bessie Wright from Butler district stayed with her aunt Maude and uncle Orval Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stonehouse lived on 19-11-29 a short time. Irene went to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean worked for H. J. Wood. Children Walter and Maise and also Edna Day, a child by a former marriage attended school for a short time.

Dora McKee worked for the Axelsons. She drove their children to school and attended herself.

Howard and Baird Bennalack came from the dried out area of Shaunavon, Sask., with a large herd of cattle and lived on 23-11-29 for a few years, then moved away.

Dave Morton, an Irishman right from the old sod lived in the district for a number of years.

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### WOODVILLE SCHOOL AND TEACHERS

In 1889 these homesteaders had to do something about getting a school. They gathered together and after few meetings, plans were all ready to start. They had the school ready for the 1st part of the term in 1890. Teachers were:

1890—Wells Thompson, salary \$40.00 per month (just stayed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of term),  
Dolly Buckingham, salary \$40.00 per month (second  $\frac{1}{2}$  of term).  
1891—Albinas Clark, salary \$40.00 per month.  
1892—Robert E. Beatie, salary \$40.00 per month.  
1894—Stewart R. Laidlaw, salary \$500.00 per year.  
1895—Margaret A. McLelland, salary \$420.00 per year  
1896—Thomas A. Stark, salary \$420.00 per year.  
1897—1898—D. J. MacMillan, salary \$35.00 per month. Taught two years.  
1899—James A. McLeod, salary \$33.00 per month.  
1900—Hattie J. Hume, salary \$380.00 per year.  
1901—1902—Hector Oatway, salary \$35.00 per month. Taught two years.  
1903—1904—Mary Creighton, salary \$40.00 per month. Taught two years.  
1905—Elizabeth M. Rollins, salary \$540.00 per year.  
1906—E. Bensen Steel, 1st part of term; Eva Grant, 2nd part of term  
1907—A. C. Lawson.  
1908—Minnie I. Cocks.  
1909—1910—Jean V. Brown, salary \$50.00 per month. Taught two years.  
1911—Laura McLeod.  
1912—Lila Hopkins.  
1913—Violet Moir.  
1914—Gladys Hume.  
1915—Miss Sanford, salary \$60.00 per month  
1916—Myrtle Hanna.  
1917—Miss M. Taylor.  
1918—Evelyn Rowley.  
1919—Barbara E. Smith.  
1920—Bessie Grant.  
1921—C. Renflesh, 1st part of term; Irene Parr, 2nd part of term.  
1922—Mrs. Olive Wise.  
1923—Ella McGhie, Estella Mooney substituted for Leah McLeod, then Leah  
came back Sept. 1923 and taught until end of 1st term 1925.  
1925—Annie Hunter taught 2nd part of term.  
1926—Annie Hunter.  
1927—1928—Ella Compton, taught two years.  
1929—Myrtle McKelvy.  
1930—1931—May Paddock.  
1932—Jean Sutherland.  
1933—Jean Sutherland—Ilene McDonald substituted one month.  
1934—Jean Sutherland, 1st part of term; Madge Angus, 2nd part of term  
1935 and 1st part of term 1935. Miss Phyllis Sutherland taught up to end  
of 1st part of term in 1938.  
1938—Ethel Scott, 2nd part of term and taught up to the end of 1st part of  
term in 1940.  
1940—Marion Gordon taught 2nd part of term.  
1941—Gladys McLean, 1st part of term; Marion Gordon, 2nd part of term.  
1941—Jean Naylen substituted for one month.  
1942—Lola Dring taught until April, Mrs. Edith Chapple finished the year.  
1943—Hazel Green and Audrey McBain both taught this term.  
1944—Ina Caradice.  
1945—Shirley Wallace.  
1946—Mrs. Sheila Roby.  
1947 to 1954—Kathline Paull.  
1955—Violet Flannery.  
1956—Mrs. Frazer taught 1st part of term; Mrs. Len Northcott 2nd part of  
term.  
1957—Mary Lou Rutherford.



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1958—Mrs. A. M. Tivy.

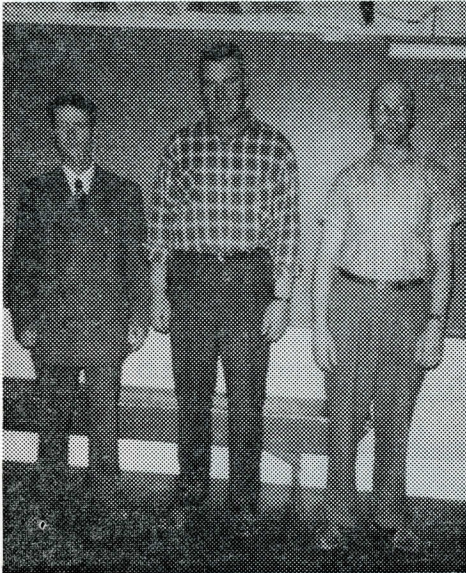
1959—Georgina Painter.

1960—Ilene McKutchen.

1961—1963—Donna Airey taught for three years.

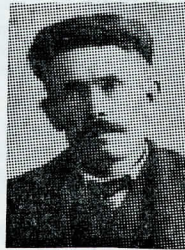
1964 to 1967—Mrs. Kathleen Thompson.

A man was paying a visit to his native village after having been away for many years, and he paid a call at his old boyhood school. The aging school teacher failed to recognize his former pupil, saying, "You seem to know me quite well, but I have no recollection of having ever seen your face before. "That's not to be wondered at," replied the visitor smilingly, "for you were much better acquainted with my other end.

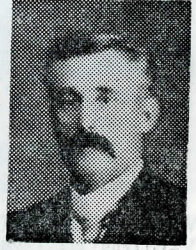


1967 TRUSTEES—Left to right, Malcolm Shepherd, Allan Thomson, Grant Overand.

### FIRST TRUSTEES



Alex Johnson



Sam Greenwood

The third trustee was Wm. Wood Sr., whose picture is on page 2.

### SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Without these faithful Trustees the school could not operate. Some of them spent many years on the school board. First three trustees in 1889 were: Alex Johnson, William Wood Sr., and Sam Greenwood.

Others who served were: Early 1990s, William Barr, Robert Lylte, John Doc Livingstone, Wm. Paull, Sr., Richard Coulson, Frank Snyder, Thos. Adair, Hercules Wood. Early 1920s, Dave Barr, John Paull, Robert Angus, Orville Grant, Guy Longman, William Paull, John Canart, Ralph Rowan, Merlin Rowan, Jim Walker, Grant Overand, Wm. Geothe, Allan Thompson, Malcolm Shepard.

### SCHOOL AUDITORS

The school's financial statements had to be audited so we will name, as many as were shown in the records.

In early 1900s: James Robertson, George Wilson, David Wood, James Barford, Ben Axelsson, Wm. F. Longman. In 1920s and later: Frank Snyder, Wm. Barr, R. Coulson, John Livingston, William Paull Sr., Wm. Johnston, Hercules Wood and John Canart.



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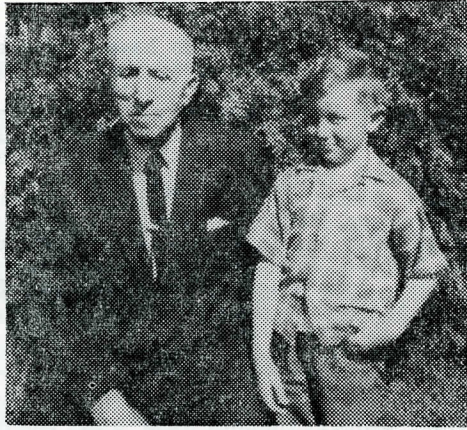
WOODVILLE PUPILS ATTENDED THEIR FIRST SCHOOL FIELD DAY AT VIRDEN IN 1924 AND WON FIRST FOR MARCHING.



THE LAST SCHOOL FIELD DAY ATTENDED WAS IN 1966 AT ELKHORN. THEY WON FIRST ON THIS OCCASION ALSO.

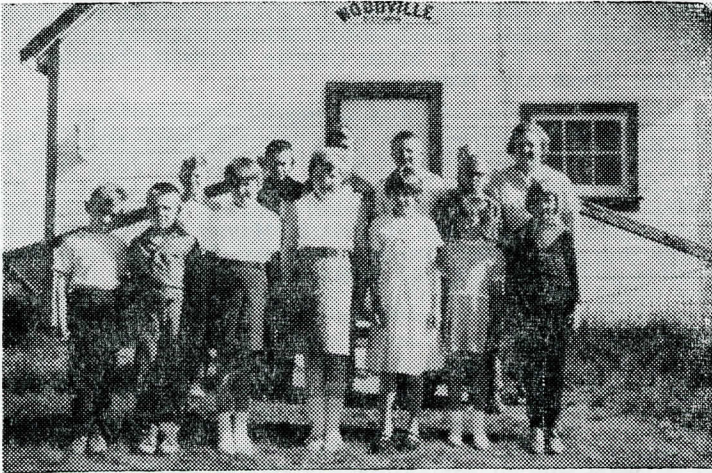


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H. J. Wood attended Woodville School on the opening day in 1890. Keith Overand was the youngest pupil attending in 1967.

### WOODVILLE PUPILS 1967



Back Row—Wesley Overand, Eddie Paull, Stanley Runions, Billie Thomson, Dennis Runions, Mrs. Kathleen Thomson (teacher).

Front Row—Keith Overand, Ricky Paull, Glenda Paull, Judy Thomson, Patricia Paull, Shelly Paull, Ella Runions.

### SCHOOL INSPECTORS

Regarding the Inspectors at Woodville School, while this is far from complete, here are the following names: S. E. Lang, 1890 to 1905; C. K. Newcombe 1905 to 1911; A. J. Hatcher 1911 to 1927; J. B. Morrison 1927, we are not sure how long, and probably one more inspector in these 11 years; W. R. Beveridge 1938; J. A. George 1938 to 1939; H. R. Brown 1940 to 1942; C. Moore 1942 to ?. There seems to be a suggestion that Miss M. Brooker and Mr. G. H. Robertson may have served in the area sometime through 1940s; K. B. Thorkelson 1949 to 1962; C. D. Bollman 1962 to 1967.



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### WOODVILLE PUPILS

Here is the record of the children who have, and are attending Woodville school. The records of 1915, Sept. 1946 to June 1947 and Sept. 1955 to June 1956 were not available.

Pupils who attended on the opening day in 1890 were: H. J. Wood, R. A. Angus, Mary Helen Angus, Ruth McPhee, Andy McPhee, Dan McPhee, Johnny McPhee, Walter Greenelsh, Jenny Greenelsh, Harry Lund, Isaac Symington, Maude Reid, Jenny (Nellie) Reid, George Robertson, Annie Robertson, Jim Robertson, Cora Johnson, Bessie Johnson, Esaphine Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Nellie Simpson, Frank Simpson, Bessie Simpson.

Pupils who started after the first year up to 1900 were: Robert McPhee, James McPhee, Archie Johnson, John Johnson, Myrtle Johnson, Gertie Johnson, Alice Lipsey, Lily English, John English, Jenny English, Milton McLeod, John McLeod, James McLeod, Murdock McLeod, Charlie McLeod, Guy Longman, Roy Longman, James A. W. Rowand, James A. Greenwood, Walter Greenwood, Frederick Simpson, Cassie Simpson, Lily Symington, Armenice Symington, Jessie Symington, Ernest Symington, Maggie Findlay, Ettie Findlay, Ann Sawyer, Susan Sawyer, John Livingstone, Tommy Gallagher, Mary Beatrice Gallagher, Willie Gallagher, Maggie Gallagher, Ethel Gallagher, James Paull, John Paull, Bill Paull, David Barr, Marion Barr, Oliver Lund, Rhoda Lund, Laura Coulson, Lillian Lund.

#### 1901 — 1910

Edna Knowlton, Ben Poston, Ruby Poston, Lorne Poston, Ed Paull, Christena Paull, Ada Rowand, Clarence Rowand, Willie Barr, Gladys Teal, Marion Mundell, Mildred Axelson, Dora Axelson, Edward Axelson, Bernard Axelson, Beatrice Lund, Seward Lund, Aubrey Lund, Edna Munroe, Ian Munroe, Alex Munroe, Walter Mills, Ivy Mills, Eleanor Mills, Charlie Johnson, Fenella Garrett, Clara Garrett, William Wood, Lily Barr.

#### 1911 — 1920

Bessie Grant, Bill Wilkes, May Hartley, Cora Hartley, Allan McLure, Elva McLure, Rolla McLure, Edgar McLure, Edith Haynes, Clara Adair, John Adair, Eva Adair, Lizzie Adair, Dave Adair, Ethel Lund, Orval Lund, Mac Coulson, Hilda Barritt, Myrtle Barritt, Eva Snyder, Jean Snyder, Eleanor Bell, William Bell, Bruce Lamb, Wilma Lamb, Lionel Pugh, Gertie McMaster, Royal McMaster, Dorothy Burridge, Olga Burridge, Mabel Drummond, Mary Cousins, Frank Brown, Gladys Robinson, Mildred Robinson, Hazel Robinson.

#### 1921 — 1930

Marion Johnson, Myrtle Johnson, Laura Coulson, Betty Coulson, Lillian McMaster, Joyce Longman, Mae Longman, Fern Longman, Norris Longman, Margaret Longman, Lyle Longman, Lyle Angus, Leah Livingstone, Muriel Northcote, Gerald Northcote, Bessie Wright, John Scott, Jim Scott, Fred Scott, Bob Scott, Lena Scott, Jessie Scott, Allan Scott, Bernice Boomhower, Earl Boomhower, Laura Boomhower, Evelyn Boomhower, Jack Boomhower, Hazel Collins, Ivy Collins, Annie Dick, Michael Szoradi, Jim Szoradi, Margaret Paull, Marjorie Sleightholm, George Kliever, Frank Kliever, Annie Kliever, Michael Julius Bernoith, Waldomere Hooge, Jacob Hooge, Herman Hooge, Edwina Grant, Bill Jordan, Jim Jordan, Bessie Jordan, Betty Birchall, Louis Birchall, Mary Birchall, Irene Stonehouse, Margaret Barr, Mary Schmidt, Walter Dean, Maisie Dean, Edna Day, Jacob Peters, George Peters, Jean Povey, Helen Povey, Marion Povey, Bill Lipsey.

#### 1931 — 1940

Kathleen Paull, George Scott, Willie Scott, Leonard Ehrlic, Willis Ehrlic, Orvan Ehrlic, Floyd Boomhower, Betty Coulson, Hazel Collins, Elsie Barr, Francis Barr, Margarite Tolley, Murray Wood, Winona Hutchison, Arthur Scott, Annie Hooge, John Kehler, Isaac Kehler, Bernice Driedger, Effie Birchall, Ian Paull, Dorothy Grant, Orla Grant, Billie Paull, Eddie Paull, Jack Collins, Olive Collins, Roy Lund, Morris Lund, Melbourne McPhee, Hugh Milne, Glen Milne, Eileen Stinson, Melvin Stinson, Ross Stinson, Harvey Shepherd.



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### 1941 — 1950

Garnet Shepherd, Russell Shepherd, Billie Rowan, Darwin Rowan, Donna Rowan, Marie Cook, Jessie Muldrew, George Muldrew, Eileen Muldrew, Vivian Canart, Bobby Canart, Gwen Grant, Mavis Grant, Albert Frederick, Ruby Frederick, Louise Frederick, Ralph Walker, Ronnie Walker, David McLure, Lauretta McLure, Dolores Dean, Vivian Moshenko.

### 1951 — 1960

Marline Rowan, Linda Rowan, Sandra Rowan, Sherrie Rowan, Don McFarlane, Grace McFarlane, Linda Boxem, Ronald Goethe, Donna Goethe, Ingrid Gustafson, Fraser Wood, Linda Wood, Patsy Rowan, Betty Rowan, Beverley Rowan, Dorothy Rowan, Carol Runions, Jim Runions, Ronald Runions, George Runions, Stanley Runions, Dale Shepherd, Ella Gustafson, Colleen Ironman.

### 1960 — 1967

James Ironman, Roland Ironman, Dwight Shepherd, Bimbo Tanchion, Shirley Tanchion, Dennis Runions, Ella Mae Runions, Louise Bell, Della Bell, Keitha Bell, Caroline Johnson, Marion Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Yvonne Johnson, Diana Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Cecil Lippett, Eddie Paull, Patricia Paull, Ricky Paull, Glenda Paull, Shelley Paull, Billie Thompson, Judy Thompson, Margaret Bone, Olga Bone, Robert Bone, Wesley Overand.

Through the doors of this little country school have passed many nationalities, and interesting personal, since the debentures were sold for the purpose of building the school in 1889.

At the first meeting they held to decide about building it, all were in favor, except one man. This was Dave Johnson. The ratepayers hired Laverne Reid, as carpenter, and he had the school ready to open in the spring of 1890.

Some of the children came as far as four and a half miles. Most of the pupils walked to school. Few families came with team of oxen. Then later came by pony and buggy and cutter. In 1920s one neighbor would start out with team and sleigh in winter, not daylight yet, with foot warmers and robes and go pick up his neighbors children and drive them all to school. The other fellow would come for them at 4 o'clock, making it work out so each man only had the one trip.

The school has been the center of many activities and community gatherings, such as old time dances, box and pie socials, showers for brides and grooms, card games and Christmas concerts.

The school today is a far cry from the school it was years back. Now with its oil heat replacing the pot bellied stoves, the indoor lavatories, replacing the cold out-door biffies.

Although like many other country schools Woodville is in danger of closing its doors. In these modern times, consolidation is gradually creeping in. But after seventy-seven years, including poverty and prosperity the school is still operating. It is the original school, and is still standing on the same spot where Mr. Reid built it.

In concluding we would like to mention the teacher of Woodville school today, Mrs. Allan Thompson. She is a grand-daughter of the late William Paull who was a trustee in the late 1890s. She has taught eleven years and the present attendance is eleven.

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### COUNTRY DOCTOR

The country doctor was indeed, one of the greatest pioneers of all. He worked long, hard hours, sometimes with little or no pay. Many homes had no money, and would offer him a chicken, or pig, or a few bags of wheat, just what ever the farmer could spare. And still he was faithful to his oath and never refused any call. These doctors had more than skilled hands, they had stout hearts. They left the bright lights of the city, to take their place beside these men and women, who were to open up a new land and a new way of life. The first doctors suffered many hardships, and many a night with a prairie blizzard blowing, struck out with his trusty horse and cutter and before morning had brought a mother and new baby safely through.

In 1918 the year of the real bad flu, almost every home was stricken and the Doctor hardly ever saw his bed. He always managed somehow to get to his patients and comfort and advise them, some of them living many miles apart. Horses often played out, but he would get a fresh one and travel on. In spite of Doctors heroic efforts many patients died.

The first doctor came in 1884. He was an old army doctor, Dr. Rolston. Being in the army he was used to amputating arms or legs. He was known to have sawed off Nellie Simpson's arm, which was badly broken and sew it on again. He used her father's fine saw. This he did without the bright lights of the operating room, or the modern equipment without which the doctor of today would hesitate to perform.

Dr. Goodwin came in 1889 and stayed in the district for twenty-six years. He had four children, two sons and two daughters, Bessie, Joyce, Alex and Rodney. Alex became a doctor like his father and Rodney was a lawyer. Dr. Goodwin's wife was Sarah Buckingham.

Like the Doctor before him, he too had many miles to travel finding ways and means to reach his patients. This courageous man was known to have travelled by snow shoes, the last few miles. Dr. Goodwin leaves many wonderful memories, as we pass by the farm he was farming. He started farming in 1920 but found it too much. They moved then to Carberry, Man., where he practiced for a number of years before his death.

Dr. Johnson took over where Doctor Goodwin left off. He also was a man of great skill and courage. He was also an army doctor and practised in this district 28 years. He had a small private hospital of his own in the late 1930s and early 1940s in Elkhorn.

He was a very busy doctor, as now the population of this community had more than doubled. He travelled in winter by team and cutter. Earl Snyder drove him to most of his calls in winter and they also had to change ponies at some farmers place to make the long trips where the Doctor had been called to some sick patient.

One night just before supper a patient was terribly sick, a boy with pneumonia, crisis had come and boy took turn for the worse. A nurse was all alone with him and knew she had to get help. His father phoned Dr. Johnson and he was in Virden helping to operate. It was a terrible blizzard by now, and Dr. Johnson offered to come to the sick boy on horseback as soon as he came from Virden. In meantime a neighbor of the sick boy had his leg broken while milking a cow and a doctor had to come from Walpole, Sask. to set the leg, so at same time came to see the pneumonia patient and saved Dr. Johnson that trip. This was the spirit of Dr. Johnson, he would have risked his own life in blizzard to get to his patient.

We hear many people say "Had it not been for Doc Johnson, I would not have been here today". A wonderful tribute to a great man. He practised in Elkhorn up until not too long before his death. He never sent a bill.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson had a family of two daughters and one son.



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Since he passed away there have been many Doctors come and go. For some reason, they have not been able to stay too long as far away pastures look greener. Following Dr. Johnson was Drs. McLean, Gorrie, Bruce, Chodniki, Gregs, Domegan, Ferrie and Gardner and now we have a Chinese Dr. Chung. We hope he will like the community and his work and stay with us longer than some of the former doctors.

The man got his ailing friend as far as the Doctor's door, but there he balked. "Im a little leery about going in there", the sick one said. "Nonsense!" scoffed the other, "This is one of the best doctors in town. What's wrong?" "Its just that I dont like the odds he offers," was the reply, "Look on his sign there—10 to 1".

## COUNTRY VETERINARIANS

The veterinarian was a man ranked next to a doctor in the life of a farming community, and in the early days played a very important role as man depended on his livestock so much not only as food but as their only means of transportation.

Here are some of the names of the early veterinarians, Dr. Pomford, Dr. Cocks, Dr. Manchester, Dr. Lourie. Oswald Buck lived in the district and acted as a vet in the early years as did Mr. Barr.

Dr. Heanan came to the district around 1920 and served the district for around 46 years. Doc as everyone called him was very fond of music, playing in the Elkhorn band for many years. He was a very able gardner and his trim neat yard with its beautiful flowers proved he was an expert.

We must also mention Mrs. Heanen who's cheerful voice must have answered the phone hundreds of times trying to find out where Doc was and when he was coming out as one of their prize cows was in great need of help.

Dr. and Mrs. Heanan have three of a family, two sons Allan, living in Winipeg, George living in Calgary and a daughter Winnifred living in Moose Jaw, Sask.

Dr. and Mrs. Heanan have now retired and are living in Elkhorn.

## FIRST POST OFFICE

The first post office was first established in 1887, known as Lippentott. It was located on the William Frank Longman place. It opened June 1st, 1887 and William was the first postmaster. He served from 1887 until Sept. 22nd, 1893. Mr. Longman drove the mail from Kola also on the way to Elkhorn while picking up the mail. He drove a team of mules and had a distance of fourteen miles to drive. The early settlers got their mail once a week, usually Saturdays.

After eight years of serving, they had a change of government and Mr. Thos. Clark then served as postmaster from Sept. 1893 until March 25th, 1895. Mr. David Simpson then became postmaster and served from 1895 until the office closed on June 9th, 1917. The last four years the post office was open Guy Longman carried the mail with horse and buggy. By this time Maryfield Post Office was open and as it was a distance of seven miles nearer than Elkhorn, Guy carried the mail to and from Maryfield.



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WOODVILLE BAND

Back row (left to right) Wm. Goethe Sr., Ben Poston, Wm. Goethe Jr., Frank Fitzsimmons, Mr. Small, George Fielding.  
 Centre row Edward Etzell, Richard Coulson, Lorne Poston, Fred Goethe, John Paull.  
 Bottom row Wm. Paull, Wm. Lawrence, James McIndoo.



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### THE WOODVILLE BAND

In this lively community they found out they had some real good talent. So in 1908 Uncle Bill Goethe, as everyone knew him, of course was on the lookout for this, he gathered the men together and soon they were good enough that Uncle Bill formed a band. He was the band master. They called it Woodville Band. Before coming here he had formed a small band at Jerseyville, Ill., U. S. A.

To get funds, a box social was held in Uncle Bill's barn. This way they were able to purchase instruments and music. But most of the members bought their own instruments and uniforms. When they were well established they had a real nice photo taken.

This band was the only entirely country band for miles around and perhaps the only one in Canada at this time. They played far and near at Fairs, Garden Parties, etc. Woodville was really proud of Bandmaster Uncle Bill Goethe and his members and now would like to name his talented crew: Lorne Poston, Ben Poston, Bill Paull, John Paull, Alfred Webb, Billy Atkins, Frank Fitzimmons, Guy Longman, Roy Longman, Orval Grant, Dick Coulson, Jim McIndoe, Bill Goethe, Fred Goethe, George Fielding, Bill Kay, Jim Taylor, Alfred (Brownie) Ellis.

This band stayed together until around 1914 and as farming began to spread out, some members moved further afield. Some later joined the Elkhorn Band. Many happy memories still linger of the old times, as many of them are still in the district or not too far away. But it is amazing as we stop to look back one cannot help but feel proud of these people who amid their hardships found time to practise and play for amusement of themselves and many others.

And here we are celebrating Centennial year 1967 and some of these same members as mentioned earlier have taken out their instruments and are doing a grand job. We are only hoping their wind will hold out, and their false teeth stay in place as they now are striking up their band to play at Maryfield on June 10th, 1967.

Here is one for the boys in the band:

It was at a annual summer concert where this little country band was invited to play. They had just finished an extremely loud, but harmonious number and had relaxed enjoying the applause of the enthusiastic audience. "What's the next number?" asked the red-faced trombonist of the leader. The leader looked at his program and replied "Washington Post March." "Cracky" exclaimed the musician "I just got through playin' that!"

### RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Perhaps the first relaxation and sport for the men around here was in 1906, when they organized The Lippentott Civilian Rifle Association. The captain was Thomas Adair and the secretary Mrs. Harold Blewett. The range was built on SE¼ of 6-11-29 on the Guy Longman farm.

The Blewetts donated a silver cup for competition among the members, to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of the competitor. But no one ever won this cup.

Several of the members won 1st Class Marksman certificates. A team of five members attended the Manitoba Rifle meet in Winnipeg every year and also the Brandon Western Rifle League. They won 18th place in the Dominion Rifle League and First place in the Western League in Brandon.

Jim Paull and A. Lawson were shooting down in Ottawa. Jim was in Ottawa in 1912 for the Rifle Club to shoot off for Canadian Championship. A. C. Lawson was sent to Ottawa for the Canadian Rifle League to compete for the Bisley meet in England, but no member of the team every made Bisley.

Guy Longman was secretary from 1907 to 1915. In 1915 the government called in the issue of rifles which were Ross Rifles.

The Association had as high as 180 members at one time. Each member received an issue of 100 rounds of ammunition free of charge each year. The Association always carried a stock of ammunition which was sold to each member for two cents. The government issued the Club twenty rifles but quit after a few years. A few members purchased Ross Match Rifles of their own.

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Several of the members won Silver Plates, Cups and Spoons. The Silver Plates are especially a wonderful trophy. They have rifles standing out, with Maple Leaf carving, and name of Association and member's name year he won it.

Following are a list of members of the Rifle Club who resided in this district: William Paull, Jim Paull, Thos. Adair (silver spoon), Guy Longman, Frank Snyder, John Adair (silver spoon). Oliver Lund, John Paull, Wesley Poston, Jim Grant, Bert Longman, Bob Angus, Orville Grant, Robert Munroe, Fred Geothe, Bill Barr, Bill Garrot, Ben Poston, Lorne Poston, Frank Simpson, J. Johnson, Dave Taylor, Albert Lund, David Simpson, David Lund, Fred Simpson, Wesley Lund, H. Garrett, George Lund, Bill Lund, John Livingston, Ernie Taylor, Sam Garrett.

Once a year twenty of the best shooters of each province went to compete to try and win a trip to Ottawa to compete for the final. The Manitobans went to Winnipeg for this. Several of this group were chosen to go to Winnipeg. Jim Paull won several trophies and won a trip to Ottawa but was not lucky enough to get into the finals. His trophies were a cup, a bronze plaque, a silver and bronze medal and a gold watch.

Guy Longman won a cup, plate and a spoon at different times. In June (22nd and 29th) 1912 he won two medals.

Dave Lund entered a challenge shot.

Frank Simpson won a medal in 1912 and also entered a challenge shot.

Dave Taylor won a medal on June 29th, 1912.

The Club had a membership of 180 at times and many of them who helped to organize and get the Rifle Range operating were all neighbors and live now in McNaught, Maryfield and Kola district. We would especially like to list their names. They were: William Kay, George Kay, Harold Blewitt, Chas. Scott, W. Adkin, A. Elliss, W. Norsworthy, W. J. Hitchcock, George Prowd, Jack Black, H. Bottrill, E. Shillingford, A. Dallas, H. B. Brockman, A. Ellis, J. Stewart, Jim Scott, Dr. Goodwin, J. C. Martin, A. P. McNaughton, J. Stableford, Fred Downer, Harold Lund, Dr. Cochrane, H. House, Geo. Lund, W. K. Anderson, J. Robb, Williams, McCorkindale, E. Waldock, T. Weatherald, G. Weatherald, Pickering, J. Symington, Tom Stewart, C. O. Saxton, Earl Snyder, Sinclair Snyder, L. W. Eaton, Ed Lund, A. Webb, William Prowd, W. Vance, Jack Scotney, Calvin Stewart, R. J. McCormick, W. Montgomery, Wallace Black.

A. C. Lawson also won a trip to Ottawa but was unsuccessful in getting into the finals.

Many more joined as years passed on, but we have listed the steady members who stayed with it. There are still the remains of the range where they used to shoot, still standing, and one can still find the odd shell around there. The Rifle Club dismantled in 1914—after eight years of good entertainment.



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A VIEW OF THE WOODVILLE CEMETERY

### WOODVILLE CEMETRIES

In perhaps what was the first cemetery bordering the Woodville district there were eight graves. This cemetery was located on Sec. 36-10-30 what is now know as the Simpson farm. This little piece of land was donated by David Simpson to John Lund for a place to bury the Lund families and is known as the Lund Cemetery. Something unique about this little cemetery is that graves are facing south instead of east as is the custom today.

The first burial was Jennie Kinnear who died March 29, 1890, aged four years and nine months. It is interesting to know she was the daughter of John and Lizzie Kinnear, a daughter of a man who drove the death wagon in the Riel Rebellion. The death wagon is one in which the dead were brought in from the battlefield. Although this battle was not fought here the fact remains we here are linked ever so close to the past.

Others buried here were: Mary Ann, wife of John Lund, age 77 years, died Dec. 11, 1894; James Oliver Rowand, age 37 years, he was gored by a bull and died Jan. 27, 1895; James Harvey Rowand, age 5 years, son of James Oliver Rowand, died April 24, 1892; Jennie Lund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Lund, born July 1, 1897 and died Sept. 21, 1900; Mary Muriel Lund, daughter of Wesley and Revia Lund, age one year and 11 months, died Sept. 20, 1902; John Lund, age 85 years, died March 12th, 1904. The eighth grave was of Daniel Lund, it was removed and placed in the new cemetery in 1944.

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Circumstances caused a change in location and another cemetery was formed on 32-10-29 in October 1909. The Municipality of Wallace purchased this piece of land from Harry Lund for a public cemetery and for no other use for \$20.00. It was named the Woodville Municipal Cemetery. Wm. Barr was directed agent of the council to dispose of said lots and keep books. Done and passed in open council in the Town of Virden, July 24, 1909.

The community is very proud of the way this cemetery has been kept up. W. D. Paull is now caretaker and he and William Goethe went north to Roblin, Man., for spruce trees to plant in the cemetery along the fence by the road. They got them on the road allowance at Roblin for the purpose of landscaping the cemetery.

The first burial was a baby, Alexandre Cecil Lund, in Oct. 1909. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Lund.

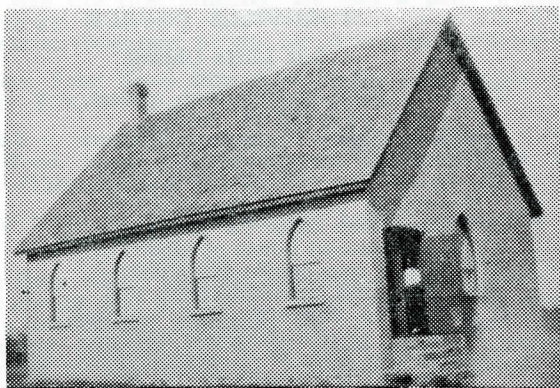
Others now listed in this cemetery are as follows (year of death also):  
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THE SECOND WOODVILLE CHURCH

DESTROYED BY FIRE



THE PRESENT WOODVILLE CHURCH

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### WOODVILLE CHURCH

#### Our Little Church

There's a little church that nestles,  
The one we loved the best.  
And it overlooks the dearest spot  
Where our many loved ones rest.  
The hands that framed and built it  
Now sleep beneath the sod,  
But to we that know its' story  
T'is a treasured house of God.  
It has seen our babies christened  
And our sons and daughters wed.  
It has heard our anguished weeping  
When we parted from our dead.  
Through our lives we'll ever love it  
In our hearts no spot can be  
So blessed or as holy  
To many such as we  
And even though we worship  
In another church more grand  
We seem closed to our Saviour  
By that little piece of land,  
Where sleep our many loved ones  
And we offer up a prayer  
That when God calls our souls home  
They will lay our bodies there  
Beside that humble little church  
With its ever welcome door  
To rest in peace eternal  
With our loved ones evermore.

The early settlers of Woodville district felt the need to worship and as there was no church they held services in the school and in the homes.

The first church services were held in John Lund's home, in fact several babies of the district were christened in this home, James Scott being one of the first. Other homes where worship services were held were Wm. Wood's; Abe Rowand's; Wes Lund's (Sr) and Lavern Reid's. These services were just church—non denominational.

The first church (Presbyterian) was built in 1892 by George Scott. Duncan Robinson did some masonry work, he built the chimney.

Most everyone around the country contributed to the building of this church; small donations, but many of them. Familiar names of church supporters in those were: John Scott; Bill Stewart; Abe Rowand; Jim Montgomery; Oliver Rowand; John Black; Wm. Kay (Sr.); George Scott; Wm. Woods; McIndoes; Alex Johnson (Sr); Wm. Paull (Sr); Arch Taylor; Barr; Lund; McAdoo; Elmore; Harvey Johnson and Greenwood and possibly many others as records have been destroyed by fire.

Alex (Sandy) Johnson gave the first plot of land for the church site, which was named Woodville after the Wood families.

All through the Wood and Paull families have taken a responsible position in the affairs of the church. Mrs. Wm. Wood was often known as the presenter as she gave and loaned many items for use in the church. The first church had no organ so she loaned hers for special occasions. It had to be transported by stone-boat drawn by horses. She was the first president of Woodville Ladies Aid and also the first organist and she lead the singing for years.

Entertainments, garden parties and suppers were held to raise money for the church.



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Rev. Little was the first minister. He had a pony which he rode to his services. This horse didn't have a very sweet disposition. He did not like people and the minister was no exception, he was left sitting on the ground more than once.

Next was Rev. John Kurn who homesteaded near Norsworthys'. He walked to his services. Mrs. Wm. Wood gave him his meals.

Other ministers were: Reverends Fortune, Wallace, Leddingham, Cook, Pecover, Coffin, Hood, Lund, Burns, Colpitts, Byrd, Denyess, Wyman, Douglas, Fargey, Barkwell, Johnstone and Daynard.

The first marriage in this church was Arthur Roach and Beatrice Pedrick on Jan. 13, 1904 by Rev. Burns.

The prairie fires which plagued the early settlers spared nothing and on April 17, 1906 the church was burned to the ground. But the pioneer spirit fought back and in 1907 a new church was built. The contractor was Tom Symington. Mr. Ledingham, a student minister, drew up plans for the second church. Harvey John Scott did much to implement the building of it. Others were also on the building committee.

This church served the community for forty-two years, as a Presbyterian church until 1925 when Union took place, then Presbyterian and Methodist ministers alternated for about three year periods. In later years it was known as Woodville United Church. This church was often filled to capacity in its earlier years, many names were added to its membership as years went by and new people arrived in the district, Grants, Snyders, Coulsons, Williams, Collins, McPhails, Norsworthys, Simpsons, Adairs, Lennons, Birchalls, Goethes, Overands, Roses, McNallys and Northcutts.

Around the period of time when the first church burned Sir James Aikens (Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba) bought surrounding land. Mr. H. Wood approached Mr. Aikens about land to build the church on and said the bluff should be included. Mr. Aikens replied: "There should be no "bluff" about the church" and gave Mr. Wood the deed for three acres of land where the church now stands (same site as the first church but larger).

The Ladies Aid worked faithfully all these years to raise money to help support the church, and donated generously to many needy causes. Their picnics and fowl suppers were known far and wide and some of the bachelors were known to eat a pie and a half after they had polished off all the chicken and turkey they could hold.

With all today's conveniences, church kitchens, waterworks, electric stoves, kettles, dishes, etc., it may be hard to visualize these Woodville women working in a tent, carving, washing dishes etc., with an oil stove to keep food hot and heat dishwater which had to be carted from homes in cream cans. Hundreds of dollars worth of food was passed through an open church window to feed the crowds.

Mrs. Wm. Barr was the first president of the Woodville W.M.S. (Women's Missionary Society) which was formed in 1920. Mrs. S. Taylor was secretary-treasurer for 25 years or more. Mrs. Taylor and Stewart were wonderful church people.

In 1949, fate again struck the district and once more a fire destroyed the church. But these people were determined not to be without a church so the pioneer spirit took over again.

Due to the wet years, the building was delayed awhile and church services were held in the Kola school during the summer months. World Day of Prayer services were held in Woodville school and Kola school alternatively with the school children taking part in the services. When the Mennonites built their church, they joined with us in the World Day of Prayer.

However, in 1952 a new church (the third) was built. Allan McLure built this one. Wm. Goethe contributed much time and labour in laying the floor. H. J. Wood supplied most of the paint and all gathered to pour cement for basement floor and decorate the interior of the church.

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We must not forget Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Taylor who lived fairly close to the church. Because of this fact they seemed to be left with so many chores—lighting the fire in cold weather, dusting the pews before church services, cleaning up before a funeral, phoning when the minister was unable to come. These were a few of the many jobs they so willingly did. Mrs. Taylor was organist and lead the singing in church for many years from the early 20's until the church was closed.

On June 8, 1952 at 2 p.m. the official opening of the new church took place and our hearts swelled with pride as our church was dedicated—and as the beautiful tenor voice of Sid Rusk sang "Bless this House" we felt our labors had not been in vain.

Mr. Fargey was the minister and Mr. Bater, guest speaker. It was a beautiful day, the birds were singing, everything seemed to be in harmony. Mr. Fargey remarked that even the birds were rejoicing.

The first wedding in this church was that of Helen Taylor to Keith Pettapiece in June 1952. Ann Birchall and Grant Overand were also married in this church in May 1955. Lillian Lund and Keith Wadham were married here too.

The first christenings were in June 1952 when Janice Twigg, June and Joan Walker (twins), Norman Lund's children and Iris May (McAdoo) Heal's children were christened.

A group of young people also took their vows as members of the church, in this church. Some of these were: Murray Taylor, Allister Lennon, Gwen Norsworthy, Mary Ellen Rowand, Mrs. Wm. Paull, Dave Shanks, Ian Paull and Dave Adair.

Then in 1959 there came a blow worse than a prairie fire. Word came from headquarters that our church was to close, and all we had worked so hard for seemed to be lost. With the closing of the church community life came to an end. Many of the our old-timers just could not adjust to a different church in town, their roots had gone too deep. And now as we are writing our history of Woodville, we cannot help but wonder if the hand that guided these people to build a church three times, once more had taken over—for the church we loved so well is to be moved to Elkhorn beside the Museum to be preserved as a church and anyone who wishes to worship, regardless of race, color or creed is welcome—a fitting tribute to work well done.

Organists throughout these years were: Mrs. Wm. Wood, Marion Barr, Mr. Hector Oatway, Myrtle Grant (Mrs. J. Scott), Agnes Scott, Fred Livsay, Mrs. Coulson, Mrs. Northcote, Bessie Rowand, Mrs. E. A. Taylor.

Sunday School Teachers were: Mrs. Harvey Johnson, Bert McAdoo, Mrs. Alex Johnson, Mrs. Jas. Grant, Bessie Rowand, Mrs. Dave Barr, Mrs. Wm. Barr, Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Marion Barr, Anne Birchall, Eva Rowand, W. O. Grant, Carrie McAdoo, Myrtle Grant.

Pioneers held their Garden Parties on week days (not Sunday). It was a real celebration and everyone came and had such good visits. All the little girls wore their white dresses and boys wore short pants or knickers. The ladies always supplied good meals or lunches. They spread tablecloths on the ground or table, pooled their food; then children and all, sat down as one big family.

They played ball, or watched Lippentott ball team play and threw horse shoes for entertainment. Also had sack races, wheel barrow races, three-legged, tug of war etc.—everyone taking part. Most spending money children had was what they won racing. But what a lot of treats one got in those days for a nickle or dime! Five "Long Tom" bags of pop corn for a nickle or a big glass of lemonade, peanuts, oranges, candy and ice cream galore. "Those were the days!"

These picnics were sometimes held in the church yard. They were also held on the lawns of Barrs', Wes Lund Sr's., Sam Wrights, Stewart Taylors and Jas. Scotts.

Woodville band sometimes played at these gatherings.



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### HARVESTING AND THRESHING

Cutting the grain and getting it ready to thresh was a hard job and when the Massey-Harris Co. came out with a binder everyone wanted one—as before they used to make their sheaves by hand, by gathering the loose cut grain, making it into bundles (sheaves) tied by their own stalks. These in turn, had to be stooked. When dried, the sheaves were stacked as in those days there were so few threshing machines, the threshing went on until as late as the following February.

These binders were sold on a get now—pay later basis. The getting was easy but the pay later was hard, due to drought and grasshoppers, by the time they had the bare necessities of life there was nothing left so the company sent out the bailiff to seize whatever he could. On one occasion the bailiff came to Wm. Paull's (Sr) farm to seize his grain or what have you. The threshers were there at the time and when they found out the bailiff was in the house, they took the rope they used to buck the straw and went to the house, they knocked on the door and asked to speak to him. When he stuck his head out of the door they lassoed him and dragged him all over the field. We never heard what happened to the bailiff but he probably did not bother Mr. Paull or his neighbors again. Before the memory of this faded from his mind Mr. Paull wrote a poem about the Massey Harris Co. asking him to pay up or else give security:

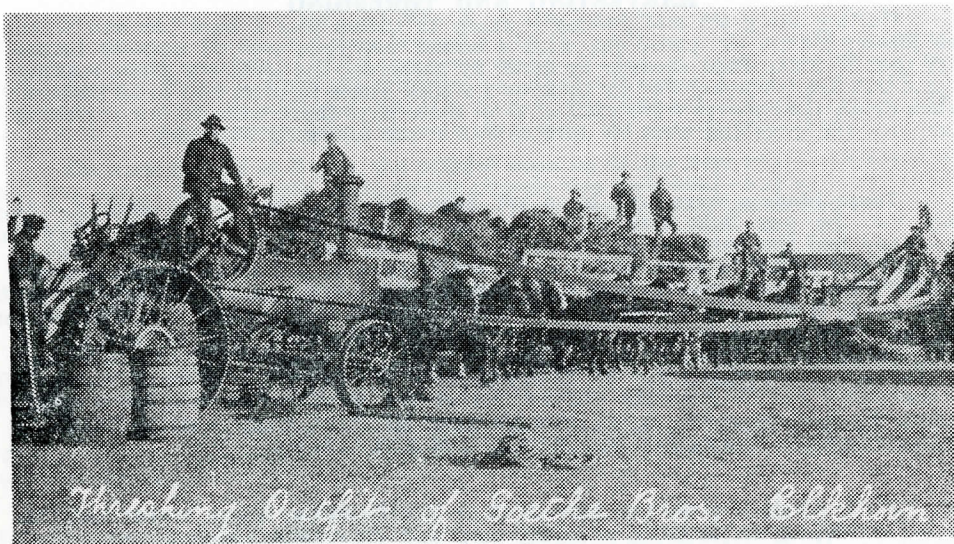
Noo Maasey my man doe ye think that I can pay up in a year like this  
When the drouths' ta'en my crop and the gopher's didn'a nap,  
For they taen what the drout it did miss.  
Tak time and reflect hoo cau ye expect  
When the het winds lik a green thing did wilt,  
Tak the breeks if you can aff a puir Heilandman  
When a that he wears is a kilt.

I've a wife an' five weans no yet in their teens  
I try for to learn them their Carritch  
An' keep them in claes for fear they wad freeze  
An' spunes for to sup their drap parritch.

I hae five kye two queys forbye  
Three little stots an a bull  
Its' oxen I've five for to work an to drive  
Ye can secure the hale lot gin you will  
But gin you secure them ye'll hae to procure them  
Meat, claes, onything they dae want.  
An keep them five years I'd pay up a arrears  
Tho' I'm left without a reid cent.  
I often do think you will drive me to drink  
Wi your duns comin' mornin an' nicht  
To keep mysel happy I'll flee to the drappie  
An keep up my spirits fu' bricht.  
But I'm forced to keep sober an frae noo till October  
Dinna sent me anither d--d scrawl  
If I hae to send you a screed, ye'll hae to send a queen's heid  
Sae dinna mair dun Bill Paull.

—Author Wm. Paull Sr.

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THRESHING OUTFIT OF GOETHE BROS.

### THRESHING IN PIONEER DAYS

Hill and Buckingham came in the real early days with their outfit, and as they were near the first to come, that is how Buckingham came to get its name. They had a crew from 15 to 20 men. Threshing was much different in those days, they used a portable engine, being moved with horses. The first machine had no blower, and the boilers stood upright. They used to buck the straw with horses and put the grain in bags. The big engine was run by steam and each outfit had a water wagon. When they were out of water three sharp toots on the whistle brought the water wagon in a hurry. Sometimes they had many miles to go for water. One long toot meant noon-hour and also back to work.

Wm. Frank Longman purchased his threshing outfit in 1884 and Tom and John Adair theirs in 1895. Wm. Lipsey threshed for many years and he was a big help in developing the district. Tom Dahl and Ben Axelson got an outfit and started harvesting crops in 1903. They threshed many years in and around the district.

By and by a few more pioneers purchased outfits. In 1903 Harvey Johnson and Fred Chapple also did their share of threshing. In 1906 Goethes and Postons started up together but later on the Goethes took over from Postons and they threshed many a year. Guy Longman started with his machine in 1907 and threshed both sides of the creek. In 1908 a Mr. Wm. Sproule from Kirkella, Man., came in with his machine to help with the threshing. He did this for a number of years.

From 1910 to the 20s several outfits came into the district. Among them were Wm. Barr, W. A. Poston, Jim Paull, H. J. Wood and before that there were real early outfits such as Harry Parker, E. A. Parsons and R. Bailie.



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In 1894 Wm. Longman passed away and his wife was left with three small sons—so she had to sell their threshing outfit. She made the deal with Allan Struthers who lived north of Elkhorn for the sum of one thousand dollars. He kept the machine and never paid anything on it. The same thing happened to Adair Bros. They sold their outfit to a Mr. Marshall. He did the threshing that fall, collected what bills he could and skipped out—leaving the Adair Bros. without any pay—however they did manage to collect some of the outstanding bills and kept this money as payment on the machine. These were a few of the experiences these people had to content with in the early days.

The men worked hard and long hours. Breakfast was at 5 a.m. and they had to be up and have their horses fed and ready to go to work as soon as breakfast was over. The crews were anywhere from 15 to 20 men. These men slept in bunk-houses which were far from the last word in comfort. Most of them slept on a bed of hay, with a few bedbugs to keep them company at night. Some of these men were lousy so they had company day and night. Some of them did not even take time to wash, but these were good men and took a days work in their stride. Man and his team made about two dollars a day in the early 1900s. When night came their cares rolled away as they played cards, sang, laughed and joked.

Many of these men came from the east and when it rained, sometimes they were laid off for about three weeks. Some got a bottle and went on a spree. Others helped on the farm until it was time to go back to work.

The women's work was hard, they worked under difficulties doing the best they could with what they had, such as coal oil lamps, carrying their water from the well in pails, making their own butter, having no washing machine and fighting flies by the millions. Still they were happy women and most of them enjoyed cooking their best for the men. They loved to see them come and felt lonesome when they left.

After threshing was over farmers would haul their grain to the elevator. Some a distance of 14 to 20 miles. Some used oxen, some mules and some horses. When the weather was cold they had to wear fur coats and walk behind the sleigh to keep warm. When they arrived in Elkhorn this cavalcade of twenty sleighs or more, the elevator agents used to run out and try and coax these men to bring their wheat to them. They used to hold up one, two or three fingers to indicate what each elevator would pay as by now there were four elevators. Most of them would return home late that night with a jag of coal and a few extra goodies they had not been able to buy the rest of the year.

We think this verse very appropriate for the people of this district. It was written by Harry Reynolds, 84 years of age, a brother of Mrs. George McAdoo a great church worker in Woodville.

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### THE FARMER

Of all the jobs which men engage  
One stands out from the rest  
The growing of our daily food  
Must rank among the best.

The men who undertake this task  
Are true sons of the soil.  
The work they do is very hard,  
And long hours they will toil

From early morn till eventide  
The jobs seem never ending  
With all the animals to feed  
And to their wants attending.

The weather plays a major part  
At times its very fickle,  
He may need a lot of rain  
And only gets a trickle.

The crops too often suffer much  
For in a single night  
A frost could almost ruin them  
A farmer's tragic plight.

Without this group of solid men,  
And the sustenance they give  
We'd all be in a sorry state,  
Quite difficult to live.

### WAR VETERANS

Lest we forget. In deep reverence and loving remembrance of our dear veterans Margaret Barr, Lyle Angus, Louis Birchall, Willis Ehrich, Orvin Ehrich, Leonard Ehrich, Albert George, Kenneth Lund, Stanley Faulkner (killed overseas), David Barr, Russell Grant (was wounded, lost his arm), William Barr (was wounded), C. Redmond, William Garrett, Ralph Stanley (killed overseas), W. Massin, Betty Birchall, Ian Munroe (killed overseas), Floyd Boomhower, Jack Boomhower, John Huntley, Ernest A. Taylor. Armenice Symington and Archie Johnson went to the South African War around 1906, they both returned home safely.

### LIVESTOCK

Many of the farmers in the district will be remembered for their fine herds of cattle, horses, pigs and sheep.

Adair Bros. imported a pure bred Clydesdale brood mare from Scotland in 1906. They took many prizes at Brandon and surrounding fairs with her and her offsprings.

Guy Longman bought his first purebred Hereford cow from Frank Callicut of Crossfield, Alta., in 1918 and built up a fine herd of pure bred. One bull took first prizes at Brandon and Portage, grand championship at Dauphin and first prize at Yorkton at class B fairs, winning over Robt. Weir (minister of agriculture at Ottawa). In 1924 he lost 16 head with T. B. and 24 head in 1932, which was a big blow.

David Simpson was noted for his lovely pure bred Percherons. Wm. Barr of his Aberdeen Angus cattle. Robt. Angus and son Lyle built up a good herd of white faces.



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Wm. Paull had a fine flock of sheep and barbed wire fences were usually hanging with wool. Many an orphan lamb was given to someone.

Mr. Williams also raised sheep and from the wool there were many comforters, quilts, cushions and pillows made in this home.

A farm noted for pigs is that of Hercules Wood. There has been as many as eight hundred or more on the farm at one time. Lots of bacon and ham there.

### INTERESTING INCIDENTS

There were many interesting incidents which took place in the district. A story goes about a couple who got their marriage license in Manitoba and were married in Saskatchewan. When they were informed from headquarters that this was illegal, they were married over again, just across the bridge of the Pipestone Creek (McIndoe's bridge) in Manitoba.

Another interesting happening, but a little more on the serious note, was when Thos. Adair was returning home from Elkhorn with a load of coal, just at dusk, after a long trip to market with a load of wheat with a team and wagon. Two men came out of the bluff along the trail, one went to the horses head, stopping them and the other fellow started climbing up onto the wagon. When Tom noticed a revolver in this man's hand, he picked up a lump of coal and hurled it at his head. The man fell to the ground (possibly knocked out). The man holding the horses had a cane, with which he hit one horse, the team started off on a gallop. This man turned to his companion, picked up the revolver and a shot rang out which hastened the team along all the faster. As this happened about a mile from home they were soon safely there. An attempted robbery, no doubt.

A small pox scare struck the community in 1918 when Wm. Paull Jr., was stricken with this disease, he wasn't feeling too well and stayed in for a while, then went out on the land and finished some seeding. The fever came the second time, a rash and lumps came out on his feet. Dr. Goodwin was called and diagnosed this as small pox. The hired man Walter Peterson also contracted the disease. The Doctor quarantined them for seven weeks. The two lived in a ganary during this time. Most everyone in the district was immediately vaccinated and there were no more cases. Wonderful neighbors gathered and came to Wm. Paull's home as a working bee. There were seventeen men with plows and harrows, Guy Longman with his tractor and they soon caught up with field work.

Each season had its work layed out. In early days families would take sacks or anything that would hold berries. They would drive somewhere along the creek and pick bags of cranberries, saskatoons and choke cherries to make preserves, jam and jellies. They did up enough to hold them over until the next berry season. They also made jam of rose hips, and picked Buffalo beans and used them as pickles. They all grew wild on the prairie. When a horse would get cut in wire fences, they used to pick puff balls to put on the wound to stop the bleeding. Almost anything that grew wild was put to some good use.

In early days the farmer had to take horses and scraper and do road building; work on bridges, cut brush or anything he could help with to pay off his taxes. He had to do one days statute labor with man and team for each quarter section of land. Roads were being built and gravelled about 1913 or 14 and by the time cars became common Wallace Municipality roads were second to none. Of course we couldn't drive cars in the winter till quite recently. Cars were usually jacked up for the winter months to keep the weight off the tires.

Telephone lines were built through this district about 1908 to 1910. This was a wonderful advancement and saved many a long trip. No doubt many lives were saved as Doctors could be called in case of sickness.

The old Ford or "Tin Lizzie" was about the first car to be driven in this district. Mr. Wm. Barr was probably the first to drive one. And oh, how those old timers loved to speed at fifteen miles a hour. Reckless drivers, they were in those days!



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A bad cyclone struck the district and surrounding community in 1900 on the 12th of August. A homestead shanty was completely demolished, there was not even two boards left nailed together. This shanty blew across into Paull's field, lumber strewn everywhere. Another log building had a corner of the roof lifted and let down again, then the opposite corner lifted and let down in place, the building still intact after the storm. The Archie Taylor home was lifted up and taken away. Mrs. Taylor was knocked unconscious. Fred Simpson was coming down stairs when the house lifted. The Taylor family moved in with David Simpson's until their place was fixed up. The wind picked up stooks and blew them all over. Some places the men and women had to hold the doors shut, dishes were tumbling off shelves. One place a binder and wagon was on the north side of the barn together, the binder went one direction and the wagon another right towards the house, breaking window and wall when it struck. The storm did not last too long but surely had folks worried, while leaving its destructive tricks.

The prairie fires were about the worst hazard the pioneers experienced, as there was no fire fighting equipment those days. Trees were scarce and when a fire got started it had the full sweep of the prairie, not too much land was broken in the early days. One could look out at night and see the sky all lit up red for miles around, and know there was a bad fire far away. People were terrified, fire travelled so fast, especially with a wind and what looked to be so far away often was closer to home than they had judged it to be. Men would gather with their plows to plow fire guards around buildings and homes and to fight it with grain bags, beating the flames. It was not unusual for people to be awakened at night to come help fireguard some neighbors home. Fires have been known to jump the creek more than once. A bad one got started during the 30s when everything was so dry. Trees burned right to the top, leaves and all. It jumped the creek, burned all and they had it under control next night. It came from the north through John Paull's and down to the Taylor farm. No wonder the early settlers had such fear of fires. They sometimes started from live coals or sparks from trains in dry grass, sometimes from lightning, but often from carelessness with matches. Of course there was the fire bug too, who loved to start fires.

Among the entertainment were the shivarees they held. When a couple were married, after a few days a gang of 15 or 20 men would gather at the bride and groom's home one evening to call and welcome the newcomers to the district and congratulate them. They'd take cow bells, wash tubs, crow bars, anything that would make a noise. The crowd was usually invited in for tea and a piece of wedding cake. Then before they would leave the men would present a gift to the bride and groom. Most gifts were real nice useful things, such as a sideboard, or set of silver. The men would try to put in a couple of dollars each and seldom gave a gift under \$45.00. One place they visited was John Paull's. They stood around outside ringing cow bells and banging tubs, then soon as they stopped John would strike up his violin, just killing time until Bill Naylin arrived from the store with apple cider and cigars. Then they were invited in. It was after this do that Dr. Goodwin detected small pox, and he called all who attended to Guy Longman's farm to be vaccinated.

In 1918, a bad epidemic of "flu" hit the district and many other districts. In some homes all the family would be sick in bed, with very high temperatures. Neighbors were just wonderful, men and women used to go and do chores and help in the house, without any fear of catching the germ themselves. Many of them did get sick, however, for when it struck it did not miss many homes. There were many deaths as this was a real bad type called Spanish influenza, and there were not the wonder drugs that we have today. The soldiers returning from the first world war were blamed for carrying the germs home with them. Dr. Goodwin, bless his heart, was a very busy man with very little drugs to work with. And many of the pioneer women used to go along with him or be there when he arrived, to assist him in anything they could help with, to comfort and better these sick people. In those days when there was a death, the body was left in the home until burial with someone always sitting with the body.



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Many blizzards on the prairies were experienced by the early settlers. High winds and blowing snow sometimes were almost impossible to be out in. No wonder the old timers wore buffalo coats and big fur backed gauntlets. In one bad storm the family had to put a string from house to barn so they wouldn't get lost when they went out to do chores. Another fellow was driving a doctor when they were caught in a blizzard. They had to dig a hole in a straw pile to get shelter until the storm calmed down. Men have been known to have frozen to death out in the cold when a storm was ranging, and stock losses were often heavy. In those days when a blizzard was on and a cutter or sleigh could not be drawn, the Doctor would offer to come on horseback, providing it was an emergency.

In 1918-19 grasshoppers were bad and took heavy toll in crops, especially barley and wheat.

Woodville in the early days did not have a hockey or baseball team by this name but played never-the-less. Lippentoit ball and hockey teams included many good players from this district and other districts.

### **Memories drift to scenes long past, Time rolls on, but memories last.**

A terrible tragedy happened on the late afternoon of May 8, 1912 when Mrs. Wm. Goethe (formerly Laura Coulson) and her small son were returning home from Will Adairs with horse and buggy. Ruth Adair was with them. They attempted to cross the Pipestone for a shortcut, as they had done many times before. But the water had risen considerably, and they were caught in a whirlpool below the Fielding bridge and drowned. The horse somehow broke loose and returned home without the buggy and its passengers. People came from miles, hundreds of them, to help in the search for the bodies. They built a big raft and dragged the creek for several days before the bodies were recovered. Mrs. Jack Smith opened her home to these people during this period.

In 1915 James Paull, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Paull, was killed in a run-away. He was taking two loads of hogs to market, driving a team on a wagon and leading a team behind. A car pulled out and passed them, frightening the horses. He jumped or was thrown off the wagon and the back wagon ran over him.

Another sad happening was the accidental shooting of Billy Lipsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lipsey when target practising with a neighbor lad.

James Montgomery, a former Woodville resident, met with a tragic death when his tractor caught fire. He died from burns received in this accident.

Oliver Rowand was leading a Holstein bull to Wes Lund's when the bull suddenly attacked him, and before help could reach him he was trampled and gored. His neighbor Bill Stewart heard his cry for help but was unable to get there in time to save him. Mr. Rowand died late that night from his injuries, leaving behind a young widow and two very small children, Clarence and Ada. Clarence is now deceased, Ada is now living in Virden. This mishap took place in 1895.

As early as 1889 a drought struck Woodville, many meetings were held and people prayed for rain. One meeting was held in Woodville School, as they were returning home that night every one got soaked. Was the prayer answered? Or was it a coincident? Who knows?

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### THE DIRTY THIRTIES

Very few people who lived through the dirty thirties will ever forget it and to those who did not we hope you will be spared such a fate.

As the dust clouds rolled across the prairies blotting out the sun, till it was nothing but a red ball, it took with it the hopes and dreams of many farmers for a crop that year.

Although Woodville was not as hard hit as some districts they felt the blow and were hard put to make things go.

In one instance Guy Longman and his threshing outfit had breakfast at Edgar McAdoos, dinner at Fred Simpsons, lunch at Bill Garretts and supper at Paul Ehrics'. Set the machine eight times in one day.

Clarence Rowand had his wheat threshed in July, his barley and oats were cut for feed.

With the dust storms and droughth came the grasshoppers. They came in hoards cleaning off everything in front of them. Grasshopper poison was spread along the road sides and fields to try and stop them.

With droughth came the task of moving livestock to greener pastures. Some people moved their cattle over one hundred miles. Many livestock died as they could not live on a diet of Russian Thistle, which piled up against the fences completely hiding them.

The dust storms were so bad at times it was so dark in the house you could scarcely see the time across the room in the afternoon. At night you had to shake the dust out of the bed before you went to sleep. In some places yet there is just the top of fence posts sticking out of the ground from drifting soil. A grim reminder of the dirty thirties, a few decades ago.

But its an ill wind that blows no good. Relief food and clothing came from all parts of Canada to the droughth stricken areas, no one was too proud to wear a second hand dress or coat as we were all in the same boat. Often inside the garment would be pinned a note with the senders name and address and a few words of comfort and encouragement.

The dirty thirties seemed to bring out the best in people. They were determined not to give up, they took motors out of their cars as they could no longer afford to run them, put a tongue in it and hooked up old dobbin. They called these "Bennett Buggies."

Many of the young people moved out to find work as there was no work or money for them. Many had to stay as they sunk all they had into their farms. So they hung on little knowing that beneath the parched land lay a fortune in oil beyond their wildest dreams.

Now for the last few decades we have enjoyed bountiful harvests, we hope we may have many more of them.

And now the story of Woodville has ended. In it we have tried to preserve the names of all those who have been and are part of our district. Some of the names you will see were not in the district but so much a part of it we felt we must mention them.

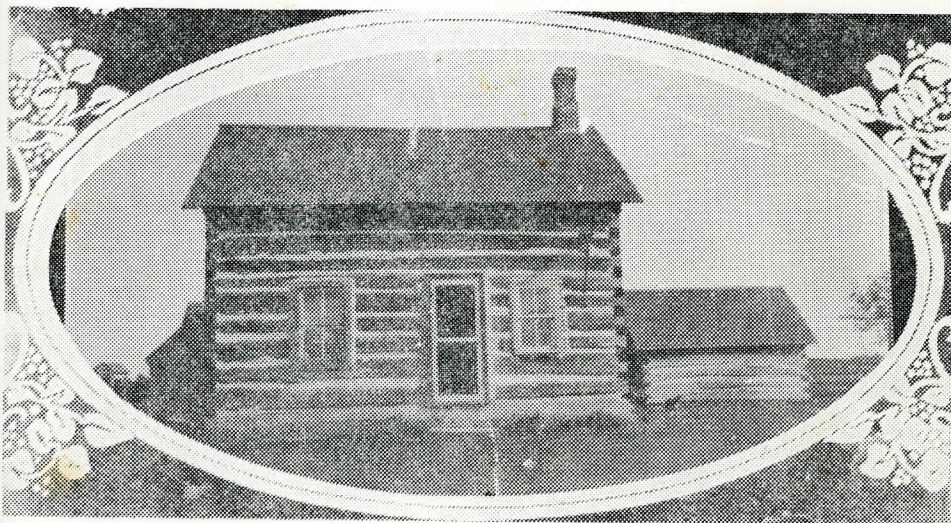
We hope our efforts have brought you some measure of enjoyment and happy memories of the past.

Now more than ever we must realize that without these courageous pioneers, life could not be for us what it is today and so with a deep sense of gratitude and pride we have tried to keep alive some of the happenings of yesteryears.

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### CENTENNIAL PICNIC

A Centennial picnic is being held at the Woodville school on July 16. Invitations have been sent out to all the old timers that we have been able to locate. This ends our Centennial project—1890—1967.

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